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Saints boss linked with Catalan return **BARCA JOB OFFER** Ronald Koeman turned down the **RONALD Koeman has revealed that he once turned down** the offer to become the head coach of Barcelona. The Saints boss was this week linked with a return to the club Spanish giants when he was working with where he won the 1992 European Cup and gained legendary status as a player. **Dutch side Ajax.** CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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VAN GAAL: WE CAN **RULE THE** WORLD

LOUIS van Gaal wants his Manchester United team to rule the world.

Van Gaal's start to life as United manager may not have gone completely to plan, but his side are third in the Barclays Premier League, ahead of tomorrow's clash with Saints at Old Trafford, thanks to a ten-match

unbeaten run. Although some performances under Van Gaal have been far from spectacu-lar, the 63-yearold has gone a long way to restoring the sense of grandeur about the 20-time English champions that was lacking during the failed reign of David

Moyes.
Having won titles in Spain, Holland and Germany, Van Gaal sets lofty ambitions for himself and he has made it clear he wants to

back to Old Trafford

soon. Van Gaal spent £155m on new players last summer including £27m on Saints' Luke Shaw to help him achieve his aims and the club flexed their muscles again this week by beating a host of rivals to the signing of Victor Valdes, pictured, as back-up to David de

"My ambition is that I have the best players who can collaborate with each other to form the best team in the world," the United manager

Daley Blind is in line to return from the knee injury which has sidelined him for two months against Saints, but Ashley Young misses out. He suffered a hamstring injury at Stoke on New Year's Day and will be out for four to six weeks, according to Van Gaal.

bring the glory days Ron: I turned

FROM FRONT PAGE

down Barca

He was quick to give that short shrift, indicating he would not walk out on the three-year commitment he made to Saints last summer, even if the iob came up.

However, Koeman did reveal that former Barcelona president Joan Laporta had once offered him the position, but that he rejected it because he had just signed a new deal with

Ajax.
"There was one time when I was coach at Ajax and Laporta was the new president," said

"I think it was in 2003, and I got the offer to be the coach of Barcelona but, at that time, I already signed a new contact with Ajax.

"And, OK, then I have to respect that contract." Current Barcelona manager Luis Enrique has come under significant pressure recently, with suggestions that he could soon be given the

But Koeman suggested that, even if the Spanish giants did come calling, he would remain loyal to Saints.

"Now I'm very happy to be here in

Southampton and that's the most important," he

"I started with a contract in Southampton and I like to respect to my contract and to the people.

Gordon Simpson

RONALD Koeman believes.

Plenty outside of Saints might not.

but that is of no consequence to him.

That is because the man who reached
the pinnacle of the game as a player is
certain of the quality that is currently at his disposal as a manager.

And, as he takes his team to fellow top-four contenders Manchester United tomorrow, he asks a simple question of those quizzing him about their Champions League hopes: "Why

"We have the qualities, we have the players and, at the moment, we have to believe that if we don't have really bad injuries of some key players then why not?" he said.

Saints' hopes of finishing in the topfour this season would certainly be significantly boosted if they can secure a first league win in 27 years at Old Trafford tomorrow.

Heading into the weekend holding onto fourth place, Koeman's men would climb above United and end the day in third with a victory.
"Games like Man United on Sunday

are good tests to see if the players believe in the qualities of the team and if we can reach that kind of position in the table," said Koeman, who clearly has every confidence in his side.

PRESSURE

"We don't have the pressure that Arsenal and Man United have to be the first teams on the tables.

"But we showed against Chelsea, we showed against Arsenal that we can fight for that position in the league and

we have another test this Sunday." Koeman added: "We played 20 games [so far this season]. In ten games, we had clean sheets.

"There's no better example why we should believe.

That means that we have a good defence, we have a good team organisation when we don't have the ball.

"And that's more important, that's more reasons to give the players to have that belief in the

"It's not lucky. I really believe that we can do it again."

Koeman is aware that his squad is not as deep as the Premier League's most established sides and, although the likes of Toby Alderweireld, Ryan Bertrand, Victor Wanyama and Fraser Forster have plenty of Champions League and title-winning experience, many others do not. But the Saints boss says that there

is only one way to get it.

"The players don't have the experience that most of the players of United, Arsenal, have," he said. "We don't have that experi-

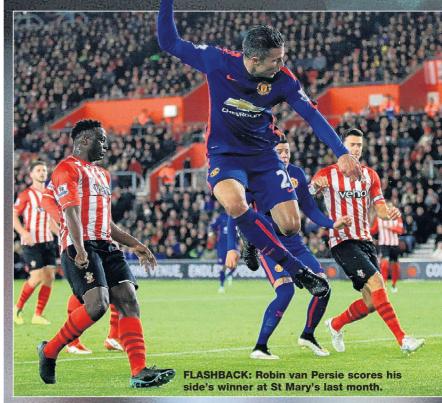
'You need it by doing and playing for those kind of positions in the table.

"Sunday is another test to show that we really can fight for that position in the

Koeman, a European Cup winner in his legendary playing days, knows that he has a key role to play in encouraging his players towards the finish line, and he is careful to make sure he does not display any signs of agitation as Saints get closer and the pressure increases.

"In my opinion, it's important that the manager is calm, because, if the manager is very nervous or shouting or doing crazy

SAINTS HAVE QUALITY, SAYS



"In ten games, we had **clean sheets. There's no** better example why we

things out of the pitch, then

how you can ask the players to be calm on the pitch?" he said. "No. I'm not so different. I try to be myself and I think that's the most impor-

"Ok, every player and manager has his own emotions and one person is showing that more often than other persons, but that's normal and I prefer to be myself outside the pitch.

Koeman goes head-to-head tomorrow with the man who is arguably his biggest nemesis in the game – Louis van Gaal. The pair's relationship has been a frosty

one for many years.

They go back a long way, having worked together at Barcelona, where Koeman was on the coaching staff under Van Gaal.

They were then reunited at Ajax, where the problems really began, with Koeman – who was the manager – unhappy at techni-



EXPERIENCE: Toby

Alderweireld.

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background ever since.

There was an amicable meeting at St Mary's last month, though, as Van Gaal got the better of Koeman, with United winning 2-1, despite being dominated by the

PUNISHED

Saints gifted their opponents the win that night, making two bad defensive errors that were both punished by Robin van

While United's overall performance was poor, Koeman believes Van Gaal has improved his side since then.

"I think that the team is stronger now, because I think the system – they are used more to that system that they play and they have less injuries and I think they are eight, nine games unbeaten," he said. "That brings confidence to the players. If

you have [Angel] Di Maria, you have

[Radamel] Falcao, you have Van Persie, you have [Wayne] Rooney, you have [Juan] Mata – come on, please. You have great players."

Indeed, Koeman believes with the quality at his disposal that Van Gaal should have United competing for the Premier League

He also does not think that he will be afforded too much time to get them to that

"It's up to him," he said. "If he needs two years more, give him two years more. "But I think always in football, of course

maybe he is doing different to other managers, but I don't believe in football that you need two years or one year

"No. It's all about qualities of the players and they have to do that. And the better the players, the easier it is for the manag-

Koeman added: "It's an easy answer as a manager to say 'I need time.' You don't have time in football.

'OK, you need adaptation of the players. "I think sometimes they are more excus-

es of the people than to expect something. 'Football is the same in Holland, in

"The players are better in Germany and England than we have in Holland, most of the players.

"But my job as a manager is not so different to what I did in the last three years in Feyenoord – managing a football team.
"OK, new players. I have better players

than I had in the last three seasons. It has to be easier, that adaption. It's about the quality of the players.

Tomorrow, we will see if Saints' quality is enough to overcome United and push the club one step closer to the Champions

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Friendly Rivalry: **WARD-PROWSE READY FOR SHAW** HEAD-TO-HEAD

JAMES Ward-Prowse is looking forward to a possible reunion with his good friend and former teammate, Luke Shaw, at Old Trafford tomorrow. Saints visit Manchester United for a top-four

Premier League clash, knowing that a win would lift them above their opponents, into third place.
One of the men trying to stop them from achiev-

ing that could be Shaw, who moved from St Mary's to the Reds in a £27m deal last summer, writes GORDON SIMPSON.

The 19-year-old left-back has been an injury doubt, after being taken off with an ankle knock in United's FA Cup win at Yeovil last week, but it has been suggested he could still be fit to start.

Saints midfielder Ward-Prowse, who came through the academy system with Shaw, said:

"Luke's a good mate of mine.
"I'm still sort of in touch with him now, seeing how he is and seeing how he's progressing.
Hopefully I'll be up against him. It will be a good

Ward-Prowse added: "He's a fantastic player.
"He's got all the attributes to be at the top and showing that now he's back from injury that he can do that, and I'm sure that he will continue to show what he can do at that level."

Tomorrow's match will feature two of the division's in-form teams, with United unbeaten in 11 and Saints without defeat in five.

"I think any Manchester United team, or any time of year that you go there, is always going to be difficult," said Ward-Prowse.

"They're one of the biggest clubs in the world and they're going to pose a real threat to us. They've got great players as well.
"It will be a good test for us, but we're also

unbeaten in a few games as well, so we'll be going there with a lot of confidence.
"We go out game-by-game wanting to win and

we know how to win.

"It's just a case of going out and doing it, and I believe that if we approach the game right and do

everything right that we know then we'll be fine." Saints, who lost 2-1 to United at St Mary's last month, despite dominating the match, have not won a league game at Old Trafford since January 1988, with midfielder Morgan Schneiderlin adding: "We are due to win there and I

think it will be a great feeling to

win there.
"I think when we played them at home we showed that we can compete and we were very unlucky not to win.

"When you look at Van Persie, Rooney, Falcao, Di Maria, it's scary, but we know that we can score goals, we know that we can keep them quiet and hopefully we are not going to make any mistakes, because we know that against

this team if you make one mistake vou get punished, so it is going to be up to us to be ready 100 per cent and not to make





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crossroads for Old Trafford clash



IT WOULD seem that Sunday's game against Manchester united throws up yet another crossroads

game for the Saints.
United at Old Trafford have always been a challenge, Saints haven't won at Old Trafford since Colin Clarke got both goals in a 2-0 win in 1988. Since Ferguson's departure though, United's veneer of invincibility has waned somewhat and they're no longer viewed as being almost impossible to beat. Saints were unlucky to lose at St Marys and a win at Old Trafford could quite possibly be the most important win in recent memory.

Why? Because nothing would say Saints are the real deal than a well fought, well deserved win at Old Trafford

The 2-0 win against Arsenal was a long overdue win against a top four side and despite Arsene Wenger's best protestations, was well

A win against Manchester United would eclipse that by some way and would propel the club towards a genuine Champions League place.
With Manchester United in mind

it would be remiss of me not to mock the mighty giants of the north in the time leading up to Sunday's match.

With a distinct chance they could end up without silverware for a second successive season, I wonder if I'm alone in thinking United are becoming the new Liverpool in terms of reverting to the history books whenever you tease them about their lack of recent success?

It gets a bit boring doesn't it?

Portsmouth fans have nothing to boast about other than winning the FA Cup with taxpayers' money, winning the title back in the days of black and white photography and holding the FA Cup whilst the rest of the world was at war

United and Saints could well be on different trajectories on a progression graph, and this Sunday's game could well see the two graphs intersect as Saints progress on and

United fall off the pace.
United's success is, let's not forget, built on debt. That's just fine when you're winning things and the fans are lapping up the product, but when times get hard these sorts of fans just disappear off the radar.

United face a very precarious few years. Van Gaal is certainly a top notch appointment and they've acquired some formidable talent, but they simply cannot afford a prolonged barren period.

If the income dries up, the Glazers don't have the kind of oligarch cash

flow to buy their way back into contention, and they could find them-selves in the position of having to sell before they can buy.

The uncertainty surrounding Barcelona's season has, of course, thrust Ronald Koeman into the spot-

light as a possible future manager.
Of course, he would be an ideal candidate, as he would be for any of the top jobs in Europe.

When you employ a top manager envitably he will attract attention and it's a sign you're doing things right when those envious gazes come from one of the biggest clubs in the

He might find the bright lights of Barcelona just slightly more attractive than those of Shirley, but recent history should tell you that the Southampton board always has a plan b and you can be damn sure if the Catalan makes an approach for our man, the board has a likely successor in mind.

Much has been made of the possibility of Rickie Lambert (pictured) coming back to Saints on loan. I can't see it myself.

Not that the great man isn't up to the challenge nor that I wouldn't want him, more a question of could be take that step up?

It would be a culture shock to go from a team struggling for a Europa League place to one challenging for a Champions League one.

I for one have no doubt Sir Rickie can do and, in all seri-ousness, would love to see him playing for a club who actually value

him and want him.

Brendon Rogers has taken a player who was on the verge of being an starter for England and made him a shadow, a bit-part player, and whilst I can happily mock him for his signings, nothing shows Rogers as being a second-rate manager more than his shambolic treatment of Lambert. He deserves so much better.

In closing, win on Sunday and Saints will send an absolutely massive signal out to the rest of the premier League

It will say that despite what the so called "experts" tell you, anything is possible. At the beginning of the season Saints were everyone's favourites, if not for relegation, then certainly a season of struggle.

Against all the odds they not only survived but indeed flourished.

A win on Sunday puts us third and that's the best we can hope for at this stage of the campaign.. but above all it would absolutely delicious to beat United and put another

Saints are at the PAIR OF EXPENSIVE KEEPERS ON SHOW

FRASER Forster goes head to head again this weekend with one of only four goalkeepers in world football history to have cost more than him.

Only two keepers have ever been signed by English clubs for an eight-figure fee – and both will be in action at Old Trafford on

Saints smashed their transfer record for a shot-stopper last summer when they paid Celtic £10m for the England international.

Their previous highest fee was £2m for Antti Niemi in the summer of 2002. Forster will be up against a United side containing Spaniard David De Gea, who in 2011 cost Sir Alex Ferguson a British record £17.8m when arriving from Atletico Madrid.

Thanks to Chelsea shipping five goals at White Hart Lane on New Year's Day, Forster and Saints head to Manchester this Sunday with the Premier League's best defensive record.

Forster has conceded just 15 goals in his 20 appearances, and only three times has he conceded more than one in a game.

The first occasion was on his debut at Anfield, with the others at home to Manchester City (0-3) and United (1-2) in December.

Forster has kept nine clean sheets in the league so far, three more than De Gea.

Saints' defence has also been better than the men in front of De Gea at preventing the opposition from shooting.

In 20 games, Forster has had to make only 40 saves – compared to De Gea's 58.

De Gea has made 33 of his saves from within the 18-yard box, while Forster has only had 16 shots to

Forster has only made two stops from within his own six-yard box, while De Gea has made four.

The Saints ace has also made more saves from outside the penal-ty area than his rival – but only just (22 to 21).

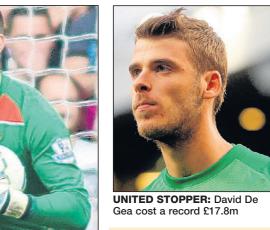
Forster is already well on his way to beat Saints' Premier League clean sheet record established only last season.

Artur Boruc (13) and Paolo Gazzaniga (2) kept 15 clean sheets between them to beat the previous 2000/01 record of 14.

Forster's nine clean sheets is already more than Saints kept in the whole of four previous Premier League campaigns, and equals the total of three others.

De Gea remains the second most

expensive goalkeeper in world football history, behind Gianluigi



SAINTS PREMIER LEAGUE CLEAN SHEET RECORD

1992/93	10
1993/94	6
1994/95	9
1995/96	11
1996/97	10
1997/98	8
1998/99	9
1999/00	11
2000/01	14
2001/02	9
2002/03	13
2003/04	12
2004/05	7
2012/13	7
2013/14	15
2014/15	9



Keeper Manuel Neuer (above) has only conceded FOUR goals in his 17 league games at an average of only 0.24 per game.

	Gm	Gl	Av
Bayern M	17	4	0.24
Juventus	16	7	0.44
Barcelona	17	8	0.47
St Etienne	19	12	0.63
Paris SG	19	13	0.68
Roma	16	11	0.69
SAINTS	20	15	0.75
Fiorentina	16	13	0.81

£10 MILLION MAN: Fraser

Buffon's 2001 move to Juventus from Parma for around £32m.

The other two keepers to have cost more than Forster are Manuel Neuer (£15m to Bayern Munich in 2011) and Angelo Peruzzi (£10.5m to Lazio in 2000)

• SAINTS possess the seventh best defensive record across the five major European top flights

Fraser Forster has only let in 15 goals in 20 league games, at an average of 0.75 per goal.

He is still some way adrift of get-ing anywhere near Bayern Munich's remarkable record in this season's German Bundesliga.

The Saints legend's **EXCLUSIVE**

column on all things football

WITH last weekend's FA cup games giving a slight break to the league schedule, it is time for the New Year to officially start and a chance for one last look back at 2014.

So, which teams will be hoping for big things in 2015, and who will just be hoping for a change in their fortunes?

When looking back over the last 12 months, there is one team that really stands out as having had one of those years you really hope you can forget fast.

With just five wins in 2014. Blackpool fans have had nothing much to cheer about.

They have witnessed more player changes than most teams will make in a decade and seen three managerial changes, all orchestrated by owner Owen Oyston.

Despite protests to remove Oyston from the club, he remains adamant that he is working in their best

With him maintaining control, it seems little is likely to change in

Two other clubs that will be hop-ing to wipe the last year from the memory are Reading and Wigan Athletic

When both clubs were relegated in 2013, there was an expectation that both would be able to mount serious challenges for promotion.

In Reading's case, a poor start to 2014 saw them slip down the table, eventually finishing just outside the playoffs on the final day of the sea-

Fast forward seven months and another drop in results has seen the year end with a managerial change and a fight to finish the season in the top half of the table. Wigan may well have managed to

clinch a playoff spot, but since losing to QPR in the semi-final they have found themselves deep in a relegation battle that has also resulted in a change at the top.
The controversial appointment of

Malky Mackay is now old news, and he will be hoping to prove he was the right choice to revive Wigan.

With both clubs under new management (and, in the case of Reading, also new owners), a change in fortunes may now follow.

After playoff heartbreak last season, Derby County can feel hard done by that they aren't ending the year in the Premier League.
Despite sticking to the Football

League's financial fair play rules, they lost out to a heavily-overspend-ing QPR side in the playoff final last

That said, Derby have responded strongly, setting the early pace at the top of the Championship.

Even though their form has wavered a little in recent weeks. they still find themselves just three points off top spot with plenty of games left to play. With their squad depth and

impressive attacking powers, Derby fans could be a little happier by the end of the year.

After promotion 18 months ago, 2014 was supposed to see Bournemouth deep in a relegation



battle. However, someone forgot to tell the Cherries that, as they finished in a respectable tenth place last time around.

As impressive as they were in the first few months of the year, it was the second half when they really came into their own.
With good squad depth, and the

impressive Callum Wilson up front, 2015 could be even better.

Who knows, maybe we will be seeing Saints v Cherries in the Premier League!

Brentford's year has also been straight from a fairytale, as they earned promotion to the Championship after narrowly missing out on automatic promotion 12 months before.

But getting promotion isn't what has made 2014 great for the team. Much like Bournemouth,

Brentford were expected to follow up their success with a quick relegation back down to League One.

Instead, they find themselves occupying the final playoff spot after a great start to the season.

While they may not manage to hold on to that place come May, it's hard to think that the Brentford fans won't still be smiling come 2016.

Of course, New Year wouldn't be complete without a resolution or

I'm sure Wigan Athletic fans will be hoping that owner Dave Whelan has resolved to think before he

The often controversial chairman ended the year with an FA fine and ban after defending racist comments by making some ill-judged ones of his own.

After Middlesbrough manager

Aitor Karanka was banned for losing his temper and incurred a touchline ban, he may want to resolve to try and keep his cool, however much the referee annoys him. Last, but by no means least, it's

impossible to look back on 2014 without mentioning the club who probably stole most of the headlines.

With the year they have had, Leeds United fans must be thinking of changing their motto to 'why is it always us' after another controversy-filled year.

They must be hoping that, in 2015, owner Massimo Cellino promises to not break any rules, face any court cases or generally speak to the press in any way shape or form.

So here is to a wonderful 2015, a year of fantastic football, promotion, relegation, and hopefully all the talking will only be done on the pitch.

Scotty Dog powers into BDO world final

Clive Downton



NEW Forest darts ace Scott Mitchell will battle for the Lakeside World Championship crown tomor-

row (Sunday) after reaching the final at his sixth attempt. The Bransgore landscape gardener put in another near perfect performance to defeat Canadian Jeff Smith in the first semi-final at famous Frimley Green today. Mitchell, nicknamed Scotty

Dog, whitewashed 'The Silencer' 6-0 to add another scalp to this week's list. Pundits predicted a close

encounter against Smith who had already defeated Lakeside regular Gary Robson and knocked out tournament favourite Robbie



JACKPOT CHANCE: Scott Mitchell will win £100,000 if he lifts the world crown.

But Mitchell, who stands to win at least £35,000 and could pick up the £100,000 winner's cheque, kept up the high scoring and deadly dou-bles he had been throwing all week.

The writing was on the wall when Mitchell nailed a maximum with his first three darts. He won that set and then reeled off the next four to leave a bewildered Canadian in his wake at the interval.
Battling Smith came out

fighting with a 180 but Mitchell, who produced seven maximums during the match, pounced on his oppo-nents' missed chances, hit-ting a 105 finish to make the final. seven maximums during the

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Cherries fall to late goal in 2-1 defeat

CAMERON Jerome scored a sensational late winner as the presence of new manager Alex Neil helped inspire 10-man Norwich to a surprise 2-1 victory at Championship leaders Bournemouth.

Jerome's long-range curler 10 minutes from time capped a brilliant Canaries fight-back after Gary Hooper had cancelled out Matt Ritchie's early opener.

New boss Neil (below) watched most of the match from the stands but came down to join caretaker Mike Phelan on the touchline after Jonny Howson had been sent off. Phelan picked the Norwich line-up for the final time following Neil's arrival from Hamilton and his side made a bright start to the game. Bradley Johnson could have opened the scoring after only four minutes when he headed over from Hooper's flick.

Midfielder Alex Tettey also had a long-range shot deflected wide as Bournemouth were put under pressure in the early exchanges.

The Cherries are not the nation's leading scorers for nothing, though, and showed their ruthless streak by putting away their first meaningful chance in the 18th minute.

Marc Pugh teased Steven Whittaker down the left wing and his cross was emphatically thumped home by Ritchie from the corner of the penalty area

Richie had earlier signed a new three-and-a-half year contract keeping him on the south coast until 2018.

Pugh almost dou-

Bournemouth's lead in spectacular style, flicking the ball up on the edge of the 18-yard box before letting fly with a stinging shot, which shaved the crossbar.

Norwich looked threatening on the counter attack and it needed a smart save from home goalkeeper Artur Boruc to block Jerome's near post shot with his legs.

Norwich levelled in controversial fashion nine minutes before the break with a goal which left the Bournemouth players incensed.

Jerome's header from a Nathan Redmond corner hit Michael Turner and deflected kindly for Hooper to rifle into the roof of the net.

Bournemouth surrounded referee Chris Foy claiming Turner had handled the ball, although TV replays proved inconclusive.

The second half was a scrappy affair as Bournemouth struggled to get their usual passing rhythm going and Norwich dug in doggedly.

The visitors were forced to play out the final 27 minutes a man light after Howson was shown a straight red card for a two-footed lunge on Bournemouth substitute Yann Kermorgant.

The dismissal prompted new Carrow Road chief Neil to scurry down to pitch-side and his instructions clearly had the desired effect.

Mario Balotelli is also in the top

ten, even though he has yet to

score a Premier League goal for

MOST SHOTS

Liverpool!

Ritchie twice fired wide before Jerome put Norwich in front, the former Stoke man curling an unstoppable right foot shot past a sprawling Boruc from 20 yards.

The defeat ends Bournemouth's 14match unbeaten run but Eddie Howe's side stay top thanks to Derby's 1-0 win at Ipswich earlier in the day.

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André-Pierre Gignac (Marseille) Mario Balotelli (Liverpool)

Zlatan Ibrahimovic (Paris SG)

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13(2) 16(1)

Cristiano Ronaldo (R Madrid)

Sergio Agüero (Man City)

Lionel Messi (Barcelona

Arjen Robben (B Munich) Charlie Austin (QPR) Premier League - and the joint

most booked in the top European

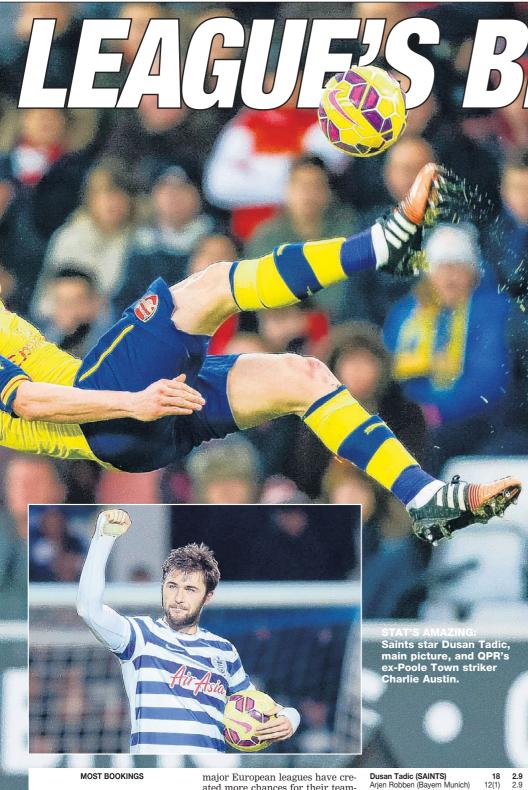
He has already been booked nine times, as has Celta Vigo's

leagues.

Fabian Orellana.

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fifth best average amd the best among Premier League perform-MOST TACKLES

The England international is

averaging 4.3 tackles per game, the

ß	N'Golo Kanté (Caen)	17(1)	6.1
Š	Allan (Udinese)	16	5
1	Valon Behrami (Hamburger SV)	16	4.4
Į	Emiliano Velázquez (Getafe)	11	4.4
ì	Nathaniel Clyne (SAINTS)	18	4.3
f	Víctor Sánchez (Espanyol)	15	4.3
è	Olivier Veigneau (Nantes)	15	4.1
ć	-Abdul Rahman Baba (Augsburg)	16(1)	4.1
ł	Dani Alves (Barcelona)	12(1)	4.1
4	Javier Mascherano (Barcelona)	12	4

Dusan Tadic is the second most prolific crosser of a ball in the major European leagues.

With an average of 2.4 crosses per game, only West Ham's Stewart Downing is above him.

MOST CROSSES

Stewart Downing (West Ham)	19	2.6	
Dusan Tadic (SAINTS)	18	2.4	
Mirko Valdifiori (Empoli)	16	2.3	
Victor Moses (Stoke)	10	2.3	
Dimitri Payet (Marseille)	17(1)	2.2	
Koke Atletico (Madrid)	16	2.2	
Layvin Kurzawa (Monaco)	10	2.1	
Diego Perotti (Genoa)	14	2.1	
Valter Birsa (Chievo)	15(1)	2.1	
Antonio Candreva (Lazio)	13(1)	2	

AvC = average crosses per game

Saints striker Graziano Pelle remains among the top ten Premier League scorers, even though he has scored just twice in his last 12 outings.

PREMIER LEAGUE MOST GOALS

Diego Costa (Chelsea)	17	14
Sergio Agüero (Manchester City)	13(2)	14
Charlie Austin (QPR)	18	12
Alexis Sánchez (Arsenal)	18(1)	10
Papiss Demba Cissé (Newcastle)	6(7)	9
Wilfried Bony (Swansea)	16(4)	9
Diafra Sakho (West Ham)	11(3)	8
Eden Hazard (Chelsea)	20	8
Graziano Pellè (SAINTS)	20	8
Robin van Persie (Man United)	19	8

Dusan Tadic and Angel Di Maria, who go head to head at Old Trafford this weekend, are among the top Premier League assists

MOST ASSISTS

	GIII	A3
Cesc Fàbregas Chelsea	19	14
Gylfi Sigurdsson Swansea	19	8
Dusan Tadic SAINTS	18	7
Leighton Baines Everton	19	7
Alexis Sánchez Arsenal	18(1)	6
Ángel Di María (Man United)	11(1)	6
Jesús Navas (Man City)	13(6)	6
Oscar (Chelsea)	16	6
Stewart Downing (West Ham)	19	6
James Milner (Man City)	10(8)	5
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Fabián Orellana (Celta Vigo)	15(1)	9
Lee Cattermole (Sunderland)	16(2)	9
Fran Rico (Granada)	16	8
Lillo (Eibar)	10(3)	8
Nigel de Jong (AC Milan)	13	8
Raúl Baena (Rayo Vallecano)	15	8
Winston Reid (West Ham)	19	8
Abdoulaye Ba (Rayo Vallecan	o) 12	7
Alberto Lopo (Deportivo La Co	oruna) 12	7
Álvaro González (Espanyol)	15(1)	7

Only three players across the

ated more chances for their teammates than Dusan Tadic.

The Saints ace is averaging 2.9 key passes per game, the second best total in the Premier League behind Cesc Fabregas.

MOST KEY PASSES

	Gm	KP
Dimitri Payet (Marseille)	17(1)	3.8
Kevin De Bruyne (Wolfsburg)	17	3.5
Cesc Fàbregas (Chelsea)	19	3.4

Stewart Downing (West Ham) Francesco Totti (Roma) 2.8 Alexis Sánchez (Arsenal 2.7 Cristiano Ronaldo (Real Madrid) Eden Hazard (Chelsea) KP = key passes (chances created)

Saints right back Nathaniel Clyne is one of the most prolific tacklers in the top European

Chelsea go back to top as City draw

CHELSEA again have outright possession of top spot in the Barclays Premier League following a 2-0 victory over Newcastle at Stamford Bridge.

Jose Mourinho's side started the day ahead of Manchester City simply via alphabetical order.

But whilst Chelsea maintained their 100 per cent league record on home soil with a 10th successive victory, City could only manage a 1-1 draw at Everton.

For Chelsea, Oscar made the allimportant breakthrough three minutes before half-time with a rightfoot drive from 10 yards before Diego Costa netted his 15th goal of the season in the 57th minute to seal

At Goodison Park, Manuel Pellegrini's side had to settle for a point, with Fernandinho's 74thminute opener cancelled out within four minutes by Steven Naismith. At the bottom of the table, Leicester are just two points adrift of safety as they beat Aston Villa 1-0 at the King Power Stadium, and have now taken seven points from their last three matches.

Paul Konchesky, sent off in the 2-1 defeat at Villa in early December after a clash with Alan Hutton - a decision later overturned on appeal - netted the only goal in first-half injury time.

In another vital relegation battle at Turf Moor, it was hosts Burnley who clinched the three points to lift themselves out of the bottom three and drop QPR back into the danger zone, with Harry Redknapp's side setting a new Premier League record of 10 successive away defeats.

Scott Arfield scored his first goal since the opening-day with a strike in the 12th minute, only for Charlie Austin to equalise from the spot just after the half hour.

But Austin's joy was shortlived as Danny Ings scored what proved to be the winner four minutes later.

In his first league match in charge of West Brom, head coach Tony Pulis conjured up a 1-0 victory over Hull at The Hawthorns thanks to Saido

Berahino, who failed to celebrate any of his four goals in Albion's 7-0 FA Cup romp over Gateshead last weekend, certainly did so on this occasion when he fired home the only goal from 12 yards in the 78th

West Ham found themselves managerless for the day with Sam Allardyce absent with a chest infection, and had to settle for a 1-1 draw with Swansea.

The Hammers opened the scoring in the 43rd minute when Andy Carroll floated home a superb strike.

But Swansea, without Wilfried Bony in their line-up with their top scorer away on international duty in the African Nations Cup, grabbed a deserved point when pressure saw Mark Noble net an own goal 16 minutes from time.

In the early kick-off at the Stadium of Light, Lazar Markovic's ninth - minute opener was just enough to beat 10-man Sunderland, who had Liam Bridcutt sent off early in the second half.

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Gerrard moving to the Los Angeles Galaxy, *The Sports Pink* looks at other British players who have gone

DAVID BECKHAM 2007-2012

Without doubt US football's most high-profile signing who became the poster boy for a new era of Major League Soccer. Helped the Galaxy win two MLS Cup titles.

BRADLEY WRIGHT-PHILLIPS 2013-14

The former Saints striker – who played for the club between 2006-2009 - was the leading scorer in the 2014 MLS season, netting 27 goals for the New York Red Bulls.

GULY DO PRADO 2015

Released by Saints last summer, the Brazilian, 33, has this week joined Gerrard in moving Stateside. He has signed for the Chicago Fire.

ALAN BALL 1978-80

The former Saints manager and

player, right, appeared for Philadelphia Fury and the Vancouver Whitecaps prior to taking on his first managerial job at Blackpool in 1980.



JERMAIN DEFOE 2014

The former England striker left Tottenham a year ago, but has not really set MLS alight at Toronto.

FRANK LAMPARD 2014

Lampard opted for a new challenge when his Chelsea contract was not renewed but will not be playing for new side New York City when the season kicks off in March as parent club Manchester City have retained his services for the entire Premier League campaign.

PAUL RIDEOUT 1998

The former Saints forward, scorer of Everton's 1995 FA Cup final winner. spent one season with Kansas City Wizards before later joining their coaching staff.

RICHARD GOUGH 1997-99

The Scotland defender played for Kansas City Wizards (1997) and San Jose Earthquakes (1998-99) either side of a brief spell at former club Rangers. He did what few who moved to America have done and returned to the Premier League for two successful seasons with

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Only three Premier League players have more regularly fired efforts at goal than Saints striker Graziano

MOST SHOTS

Gm AvSh

Sergio Agüero (Man City)	13(2)	4.9
Charlie Austin (QPR)	18	4.1
Mario Balotelli (Liverpool)	8(3)	3.9
Graziano Pellè (Saints)	20	3.7
Yaya Touré (Man City)	17(1)	3.3
Wilfried Bony (Swansea)	16(4)	3.3
Diego Costa (Chelsea)	17	3.2
Alexis Sánchez (Arsenal)	18(1)	3.2
Ángel Di María (Man United)	11(1)	3.1
Christian Benteke (Aston Villa)	10(1)	3

AvSh = average shots per game

midfielder Schneiderlin has made an average 65.5 passes per game in the Premier League this season - the sixth highest in the division.

MOST PASSES

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	Gm	AvP
Yaya Touré (Man City)	17(1)	88.4
Cesc Fàbregas Chelsea	19	86.4
David Silva (Man City)	14	68.9
Gareth Barry (Everton)	18	68.8
Nemanja Matic (Chelsea)	19	66.9
Morgan Schneiderlin (SAINTS)	15	65.5
Etienne Capoue (Tottenham)	11	63.1
Cheick Tioté (Newcastle)	10(1)	62.5
Michael Carrick (Man United)	10(1)	62.2
Aaron Ramsey (Arsenal)	11(3)	60.9
AvP = average passes per game		

Schneiderlin is also in the top ten of Premier League midfielders with the best average of accurate short

ACCURATE SHORT PASSES

	Gm	ASP
Yaya Touré (Man City)	18	75.3
Tom Cleverley (Man United)	1	71
Cesc Fàbregas (Chelsea)	19	68.8
David Silva (Man City)	14	58.4
Mesut Özil (Arsenal)	6	57.2
Daley Blind (Man United)	8	56.1
Gareth Barry (Everton)	18	54.6
Nemanja Matic (Chelsea)	19	54.5
Mikel Arteta (Arsenal)	7	53.9
Morgan Schneiderlin (SAINTS)	15	53.3

ASP = accurate short passes per game

SAINTS winger Sadio Mane is among the most fouled players in the Premier League this season.

MOST FOULED

	Gm	AFG
Eden Hazard (Chelsea)	20	3
Raheem Sterling (Liverpool)	19(1)	2.7
Steven Naismith (Everton)	14(2)	2.4
Sadio Mané (SAINTS)	11(3)	2.4
Alexis Sánchez (Arsenal)	18(1)	2.2
Gabriel Agbonlahor (Aston Villa)	17(1)	2.2
Alexandre Song (West Ham)	12(2)	2.1
Alan Hutton (Aston Villa)	160.8	2.1
Leroy Fer (Queens Park Rangers)	18(1)	1.9
Connor Wickham (Sunderland)	18(1)	1.9

AFG = average fouled per game

SAINTS pair Victor Wanyama and Morgan Schneiderlin are among the most persistent foulers in the top

MOST FOULS (AVERAGE FOULS PER GAME)

	Gm	AFG	
Marouane Chamakh (C Palace)	11(2)	2.5	
ictor Wanyama (SAINTS)	13(5)	2.2	
Cheick Tioté (Newcastle United)	10(1)	2.2	
tienne Capoue (Tottenham)	11	2.1	
Mario Balotelli (Liverpool)	8(3)	2.1	
Norgan Schneiderlin (SAINTS)	15	2.1	
file Jedinak (Crystal Palace)	18	2.1	
Marouane Fellaini (Man United)	8(3)	2	
Cheikhou Kouyaté (West Ham)	15(1)	1.9	

Leonardo Ulloa (Leicester)

Victor Wanyama has committed the most fouls by any player in the English top flight in 2014/15.

MOST FOULS (TOTAL)

	Gm	Foul
Victor Wanyama (SAINTS	18	40
Leonardo Ulloa (Leicester)	20	38
Mile Jedinak (C Palace)	18	37
Graziano Pellè (SAINTS)	20	36
Connor Wickham (Sunderland)	19	36
Erik Lamela (Tottenham)	19	34
Mame Biram Diouf (Stoke)	19	34
Ashley Barnes (Burnley	18	3
Lee Cattermole (Sunderland)	18	3

SAINTS boast one of the best disc-

plinary records in the top flight.

PREMIER LEAGUE DISCIPLINE

Marouane Chamakh (C Palace)

	Y	н
Crystal Palace	28	3
SAINTS	29	1
West Bromwich Albion	30	- 1
Leicester	31	3
Swansea	31	5
Queens Park Rangers	35	1
Liverpool	36	1
West Ham	36	1
Everton	36	1
Manchester United	36	3

38 40 40 41 42 43 44 Newcastle United Hull Tottenham Aston Villa Stoke Manchester City

Burnley

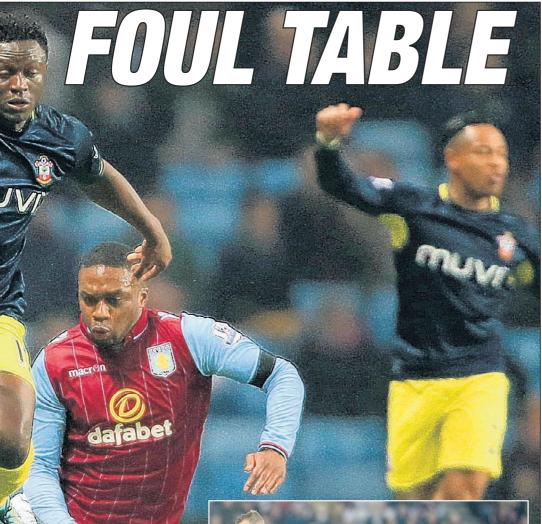
Sunderland

SAINTS average 53.1 per cent possession in all their league games so far - the eighth best record.

	%
Manchester City	59.6

MOST FOULS: Saints midfielder Victor Wanyama and, below, pass master Yaya Toure of Manchester

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MOST FOULED: Chelsea winger Eden Hazard.

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Manchester United	58.5
Arsenal	57.9
Everton	57.3
Chelsea	56.2
Liverpool	55.4
Tottenham	55.1
SAINTS	53.1
Swansea	50.0
West Bromwich Albion	49.2
Newcastle United	48.7
Stoke	48.6
West Ham	46.6
Sunderland	46.3
Aston Villa	45.0
Hull	44 6

Queens Park Rangers Leicester

Burnley Crystal Palace

SAINTS have been successful with 80.9 per cent of all their passes this season - the ninth best Premier League record.

PASS SUCCESS RATE			
Manchester City Manchester United Chelsea Everton Arsenal Liverpool Swansea Tottenham	85.5 85.4 84.6 84.4 84.2 83.0 82.8 81.2		
SAINTS	80.9		
Aston Villa	79.1		
Cundarland	70 E		

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Newcastle United	78.2
Hull	78.1
West Bromwich Albion	77.7
Stoke	77.6
West Ham	75.6
Leicester	73.3
Queens Park Rangers	73.2
Burnley	71.0
Crystal Palace	68.0

SAINTS have managed an average of 13.3 shots per game - less than relegation-haunted QPR.

SHOTS PER GAME

Manchester City	17.6
Arsenal	16.5

Chelsea	16.4
Liverpool	15.6
Queens Park Rangers	14.7
West Ham	13.
SAINTS	13.3
Stoke	13.0
Tottenham	13.2
Everton	12.8
Manchester United	12.6
Newcastle United	12.4
West Bromwich Albion	12.3
Swansea	11.0
Burnley	11.5
Leicester	11.4
Sunderland	10.9
Crystal Palace	10.0
Hull	10.2
Aston Villa	10.2

SAINTS have the seventh best record in shooting at goal, but the fifth best in terms of actually getting their shots on target.

SHOTS ON TARGET

Chelsea	6.1
Manchester City	6
Arsenal	5.7
Liverpool	5
SAINTS	4.7
Manchester United	4.6
Everton	4.5
Tottenham	4.4
West Ham	4.3
Newcastle United	3.9
Queens Park Rangers	3.9
Swansea	3.8
West Bromwich	3.6
Crystal Palace	3.5
Leicester	3.4
Sunderland	3.3
Stoke	3.3
Burnley	3
Hull	3
Aston Villa	2.8

SAINTS have the best Premier League record in terms of preventing the opposition from shooting at Fraser Forster.

SHOTS PER GAME CONCEDED

SAINTS	9.3
Arsenal	10.2
Chelsea	10.3
Manchester City	10.5
Manchester United	10.8
Liverpool	11.6
West Bromwich Albion	12.4
Newcastle United	12.4
Stoke	12.5
Tottenham	12.9
Everton	13.1
Crystal Palace	13.5
Aston Villa	13.9
West Ham	14.4
Swansea	14.7
Hull	14.8
Sunderland	15.5
Burnley	15.7
Queens Park Rangers	16
Leicester	16

SAINTS have the best Premier League record in terms of preventing the opposition from shooting at

SHOTS PER GAME CONCEDED

CAINITO	
SAINTS	9.3
Arsenal	10.2
Chelsea	10.3
Manchester City	10.5
Manchester United	10.8
Liverpool	11.6
West Bromwich Albion	12.4
Newcastle United	12.4
Stoke	12.5
Tottenham	12.9
Everton	13.1
Crystal Palace	13.5
Aston Villa	13.9
West Ham	14.4
Swansea	14.7
Hull	14.8
Sunderland	15.5
Burnley	15.7
Queens Park Rangers	16
Leicester	16
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Heading Stateside

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MO JOHNSTONE

1996-2001 Moved to the US after a difficult return to Scottish football with Hearts and Falkirk and won the MLS Cup with Kansas City Wizards in

GEORGE BEST 1976-81

Prior to Beckham the most famous export to leave these shores for America when he joined MLS' predecessor, the North American Soccer League, in 1976. His time there – appearing for Los Angeles Aztes (76-78), Fort Launderdale (78-79) and San Jose (1980-81) - was interspersed with short spells at Fulham and Hibernian.

BOBBY MOORE 1976-78

England's World Cup-winning cap-



tain, left, moved Stateside after a distinguished career with West Ham and Fulham, appearing for San Antonio Thunder in 1976 and Seattle

Sounders in 1978.

RODNEY MARSH 1976-79 Having left Manchester City under a

cloud, he excelled in America with the Tampa Bay Rowdies, named in the NASL All-Star team every sea-

PETER OSGOOD

1978
The Saints FA Cup winner played one season for Philadelphia Fury.

FRANK WORTHINGTON 1979-81

The ex-Saints striker played one season for Philadelphia Fury in 1979 before returning two years later for one year at Tampa Bay Rowdies, netting 21 times in total.

JIM McCALLIOG

1977 A year after helping Saints lift the FA Cup, the Scottish midfielder played one season in the NASL for Chicago Sting.

MANNY ANDRUSZEWSKI 1979-1985 THE former Saints defender started

his NASL career with Tampa Bay Rowdies in 1979. He later played for the Houston Dynamos and Dallas

MALCOLM WALDRON 1981

The former Saints defender played one season in the NASL with the Washington Diplomats, scoring a remarkable 15 goals in 32 appear-

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SAINTS could well benefit from bombarding Manchester United with high balls this weekend Louis van Gaal's men have the worst record in the Premier League in terms of winning aerial duals.

AFRIALS WON

Stoke	24.9
Burnley	24
West Ham	22.9
Leicester	22.8
Queens Park Rangers	22.5
Crystal Palace	22.4
Hull	21.5
Newcastle United	18.5
Arsenal	17.4
Liverpool	16.8
Chelsea	16.6
SAINTS	15.8
Aston Villa	15.8
West Bromwich Albion	15.8
Sunderland	15.4
Tottenham	15.4
Manchester City	15.1
Everton	14.7
Swansea	14.5
Manchester United	13.8

SAINTS have the third worst record in the Premier League in terms of committing fouls.

MOST FOULS

	AVE
Crystal Palace	13.5
Leicester	12.9
SAINTS	12.6
Tottenham	12.6
Stoke	12.6
Manchester City	12.2
Manchester United	11.8
Sunderland	11.8
Newcastle United	11.6
Hull	11.6
West Ham	11.6
West Bromwich	11.4
Queens Park Rangers	11.3
Swansea	11.1
Aston Villa	10.6
Arsenal	10.5
Burnley	10.5
Chelsea	10.3
Liverpool	10
Everton	9.7
AvF = average fouls per game	

SAINTS could be giving away so many fouls because they tackle more often than any Premier

MOST TACKLES

	AVI
SAINTS	23.1
Tottenham	22.9
Liverpool	21.5
Chelsea	21.4
Crystal Palace	21
Húll	20.9
Stoke	20.3
Queens Park Rangers	20.3
Sunderland	20.3
Arsenal	19.9
Newcastle United	19.7
Manchester City	19.7
Manchester United	19.6
Leicester	19.3
West Ham	17.5
West Bromwich	17.3
Aston Villa	17.1
Swansea	16.5
Everton	16.4
Burnley	16.2
AvT = average tackles per game.	

SAINTS players dribble the ball less than any other Premier League club.

AVERAGE DRIBBLES PER GAME

Arsenal	15.1
Chelsea	13
Everton	11.4
Tottenham	11
Manchester City	10.7
Liverpool	10.5
Stoke	10
Newcastle United	9.7
Manchester United	9.5
Swansea	9.5
Leicester	9.2
Crystal Palace	9
Sunderland	8.8
Queens Park Rangers	7.6
West Ham	7.5
Hull	7
West Bromwich	6.7
Aston Villa	6.6
Burnley	6.5
SAINTS	4.9

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A MEMORABLE WIN...

SAINTS' last league win at Old Trafford is so long ago that no-one remembers it!

Colin Clarke scored both goals in a 2-0 win on January 16, 1988, writes SIMON WALTER.

But even he has no recollection of the game, which was only Saints' third post-war league win at Manchester United and their first since August 1969.

"I don't remember either goal," admits the former Northern Ireland international. "I couldn't tell you anything about them."

Fortunately the Saints' record book *In That Number* can help.

It reveals that Clarke gave Saints a seventh-minute lead when he stole in to beat goalkeeper Chris Turner from Jimmy Case's free-kick.

He sealed the win after 74 minutes, hooking the ball over Turner after his initial shot had been blocked.

"It was a great result, obviously, and a great place to go and play," said Clarke, who now manages the Carolina RailHawks in the North

American Soccer League.
"Any time you can get a result up there, you have done pretty well, as you can tell given that 27 years have now gone by.

"Let's just hope you're not wanting to speak to me again in another 27 years!"

While the distinction of being the last Saint to score a winner in a league match at Old Trafford is a fine one to possess, Clarke would at some stage soon like to pass the baton on.

"I would love to see them win there again," he said. "They're one of the clubs I'm very fond of. I had a great time there."

This is Graham Baker's more immediate reaction to the win: "We knew after the first ten minutes that United were there for the taking.

Listless

"They looked listless and we found that the longer we kept them out the more the crowd got on their backs.'

But no-one contacted by the *Sports Pink* this week can recall Saints' last

win at the Theatre of Dreams.
Chris Nicholl was midway
through his six-year spell as Saints
manager when he oversaw it.

But even he has no recollection of what turned out to be league run-ners-up United's only home defeat

"That team was definitely mine but I can't remember the game at all, which is very strange," said a baffled Nicholl, who now lives in the Midlands working in the hospitatlity suites at Aston Villa, another of his former clubs..

"It's nice to be remembered but I can't for the life of me recall that

match!
"The club is very different to the Southampton I know, everything's changed, but I've been delighted to see them do so well this year and hopefully that can stay the course.

Matt Le Tissier started the game



HISTORIC WIN: Action, above and below, from Saints' win at Old Trafford in January 1988.



before being replaced by Glenn

He was 22 at the time but his memory of the win is also sketchy. "I do remember Colin Clarke getting both goals but I couldn't describe them and can't remember playing in the

game at all, I recall watching most of from the bench," he said.

"The games I remember best are the ones when I score ... when I don't there's not as much to go on."

Le Tissier went on to score many goals at Old Trafford including an

angled finish from Danny Wallace's pass in a 2-2 draw the following November, a smart finish after seiz-ing on Bryan Robson's attempted headed back pass in a 2-1 defeat in November 1989 and a header past Peter Schmeichel in another 2-1 loss 16 years ago.
But his most memorable Old

Trafford strike is the first of the two he scored in a 3-3 draw in September 1999 – a scuffed 25-yarder through the legs of Massimo Taibi (he sidefooted in a second equaliser to clinch Saints' last point at United before the 1-1 draw of last October).

Le Tissier sees no reason why Saints cannot go one better tomor-

"The Sheffield United defeat was a huge blow, but it gives us a better chance of picking up some good results elsewhere, without having to play a two legged semi-final this month, and we've done brilliantly of late," he said.

"It's been an incredible first half of the year.

"More pressure will be on the squad during the second half but if we can keep everyone fit we will at

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OR SO YOU'D THINK!



CLOSE CALL: Saints survive United pressure in January 198, above. Left - Graham Baker keeps a close eye on Kevin Moran. Below - two-goal Colin Clarke fires in a shot.



least emulate last season, which would be an incredible achievement after losing so many players in the summer.

"And a top four place is still a possibility – we're over halfway through the season so it's not like it's a flash in the pan.

"We're up there on merit."
Glenn Cockerill replaced Le
Tissier during Saints' last win at
Old Trafford, but he also draws a
blank when asked to recall it.
"I can't remember anything about
the game!" he laughs. "I thought I
started every game that season but
obviously not.

obviously not.

"But what I can remember is beat ing them on penalties at Old Trafford in the FA Cup a few years later.'

Saints won 4-2 on spot kicks in a fourth-round replay in February 1992, the season United were pipped to their first title since 1968 by Leeds United.

After a goalless draw at The Dell, Saints were 2-0 up midway through the first half.

They took an eighth-minute lead

through Stuart Gray's only Saints goal before Alan Shearer headed in a Le Tissier free-kick. Goals from Andrei Kanchelskis

and Brian McClair ensured a penalty shoot out, but Saints did not even need Le Tissier as Tim Flowers made the winning save from a

teenage Ryan Giggs.
Cue the celebrations, which saw
Cockerill chasing Flowers while holding a cup of tea!

"The journey back was a good one!" he said. "United were just on the way back under Fergie, he was getting them going again, so that was a great result.

Under pressure

"We were under pressure because Ian Branfoot didn't have the backing of the supporters so it was a fantastic result and thoroughly deserved.'

Cockerill lives in Oxted. Surrev. so has been able to get to several home games this season.

'We're made to feel very welcome these days," he said. "I like the management, they're very calm and Ronald Koeman could end up being one of the best managers we've ever

"I've met him through Sammy Lee, who I've stayed in touch with since he was loaned to Saints as a player about 25 years ago.

"It's good to see him back down there and I think the manager's been very shrewd. Expectations weren't very high after losing all our top players and he's replaced them brilliantly.

"Now I think we'll finish in the top six and we've got half a chance of making the top four, if they all stay fit, which would be brilliant.

"There are no real stars, which is unusual for a Southampton team. It's been a real team effort and I include the management in that.

"You can see the enjoyment in the players, they have a great spirit."

Saints v Manchester United, January 16th 1988: John Burridge, Gerry Forrest, Kevin Moore, Kevin Bond, Derek Statham; Matt Le Tissier (Glenn Cockerill), Jimmy Case, Graham Baker, Andy Townsend, Colin Clarke, Danny Wallace.



BOSS: Saints manager Chris

Flashback to 1987/88

defeat fellow high fliers Arsenal 2-0 at Anfield on January 16, 1988 - the day Saints last won a league match at Old Trafford.

Goals from John Aldridge and Peter Beardsley gave Kenny Dalglish's table toppers - 15 points clear at the top at that stage and still unbeaten - a 2-0 victory.

Other First Division results that

Nottingham Forest 2 (Plummer, Webb), Charlton 2 (Lee, Jones)

Portsmouth 2 (Quinn, Ball) Oxford 2 (Briggs, Saunders)

Tottenham 2 (Clive Allen 2) Coventry 2 (Regis, Bennett)

Luton 1 (McDonagh) Derby 0

Norwich 0 Everton 3 (Sharp 2, Heath)

QPR 0 West Ham 1 (Dickens)

Sheffield Wednesday 3 (May, Marwood, Bradshaw) Chelsea 0.

Wimbledon 1 (Young) Watford 2 (Sterling, Allen).

There were 21 clubs in the top flight in 1987/88, meaning one team every weekend didn't play on January 16 it was Newcastle's turn to sit out.

First Division - January 16, 1988 after Saints' win at Old Trafford

	Ρ	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Liverpool	23	18	5	0	57	11	59
Nottm Forest	23	13	5	5	46	21	44
Everton	25	12	7	6	36	16	43
Arsenal	25	12	6	7	36	23	42
Man United	24	11	9	4	36	24	42
Wimbledon	25	11	7	7	39	30	40
QPR	25	11	7	7	30	28	40
Luton Town	24	10	5	9	32	26	35
Sheffield Wed	25	10	4	11	31	38	34
Tottenham	25	9	6	10	26	29	33
SAINTS	24	8	7	9	33	36	31
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First Division 1987/88 final table PWDLFAPts

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Liverpool	40	26	12	2	87	24	90
Man United	40	23	12	5	71	38	81
Nottm Forest	40	20	13	7	67	39	73
Everton	40	19	13	8	53	27	70
QPR	40	19	10	11	48	38	67
Arsenal	40	18	12	10	58	39	66
Wimbledon	40	14	15	11	58	47	57
Newcastle	40	14	14	12	55	53	56
Luton Town	40	14	11	15	57	58	53
Coventry City	40	13	14	13	46	53	53
Sheffield Wed	40	15	8	17	52	66	53
SAINTS	40	12	14	14	49	53	50
Tottenham	40	12	11	17	38	48	47
Norwich City	40	12	9	19	40	52	45
Derby County	40	10	13	17	35	45	43
West Ham	40	9	15	16	40	52	42
Charlton	40	9	15	16	38	52	42
Chelsea	40	9	15	16	50	68	42
Portsmouth	40	7	14	19	36	66	35
Watford	40	7	11	22	27	51	32
Oxford United	40	6	13	21	44	80	31

SaintsSpotlight





WHAT else was happening on August 16, 1969, when Ron Davies scored all four Saints goals in a 4-1 top flight victory at Old Trafford? Here are the other First Division results on that day ...

Burnley 3 Sunderland 0

Frank Casper struck twice as the Clarets scored all their goals in the first half. Steve Kindon was also on target Att: 13,509

Chelsea 1 Ipswich 0

Ian Hutchinson fired the Blues' winner in the second half at Stamford Bridge.

Coventry 1 Derby County 1 Att: 39 331

A huge crowd of almost 40,000 crammed into Highfield Road to see Neil Martin and Roy McFarland trade first hal goals for the Midlands rivals.

Everton 2 Crystal Palace 1

Att: 50,700

There was a huge attendance at Goodison Park as well to see the hosts - and eventual top flight champions - win thanks

to goals from Morrissey and Joe Royle (penalty) Mel Blyth (right), later to star for Saints in their 1976 FA Cup final win, replied for Palace

Newcastle 1 Manchester City 0

Att: 46,800

Striker Bryan 'Pop' Robson converted a first half penalty for the Toon Army.

Nottingham Forest 1 Leeds 4

Att: 34,290
All the goals came in the second half as defending league champions Leeds emerged comfortable winners at The City Ground.On target were Allan Clarke, Johnny Giles (penalty), Eddie Gray and Peter Lorimer, with Ron Rees replying.

Sheffield Wednesday 2 Wolves 3

Att: 23.167

Future Saint Jimmy McCalliog was among the Wolves scorers in their victory at Hillsborough.

Peter Knowles and Hugh Curran also scored, with Alan Warboys and David Ford replying.

Stoke City 2 West Ham 1

Att: 23.361

Goals from John Ritchie and Peter Dobing gave the Potters victory, with Jimmy Lindsay replying.

Tottenham 0 Liverpool 2

Att: 50,474

A crowd of over 50,000 packed into White Hart Lane to see the visitors win thanks to first half goals from Emlyn Hughes and Chris Lawler.

West Bromwich Albion 0 Arsenal 1

Att: 31.308

Charlie George, who was to sign for Saints nine years later, scored the only goal in the second half.

Did You SVDENIA GALLS

ONE of the stars of Saints' most famous Old Trafford wins is hoping a similar, attacking mentality is adopted against **Manchester United tomorrow.**

The late, great Ron Davies is still revered for his performance on August 16th, 1969, when he scored all the goals in a 4-1 win against Best, Charlton, Law & Co.

Homegrown winger Sydenham put in a career-defining performance of his own, setting up Davies' first three goals – a hattrick of headers.

His memory of the game remains vivid, writes SIMON WALTER.

"The night before, a few of us were creeping back to our rooms when we overheard Ted Bates and his assistant John Mortimer discussing our approach to the game," recalls Sydenham, who will be up at 3am at his Melbourne home to watch tomorrow's action.

"They said we would attack United and hope it comes off, as it did."

Sydenham wants Ronald Koeman to be just as positive when he makes his managerial debut at the Theatre of Dreams.

"It was always pretty scary to talk about playing against the likes of Best, Law and Charlton, we would sink further into our chairs at the prospect of defending against them.

"There were so many star players to think about, but we knew they had weaknesses if we got at them.

POSITIVE

"Football's changed, but it's not that different these days, the same things apply. So I hope we're positive and have a go at them, I'd rather we are positive.

"If we have a go at them, we'll give ourselves the best possible chance."
Sydenham does not need remind-

ing of the goalscoring sequence in

Willie Morgan gave United an eighth-minute lead, following Brian Kidd's flick-on, but Sydenham's blistering pace helped give Davies the opportunities to put Saints 2-1

up by the 16th minute.

The great Welshman headed his hat-trick goal on the hour before firing in the fourth late on

"You don't forget matches like that," smiles Sydenham, who has a DVD of the Match of the Day highlights, some of which can be found on You Tube.

"I've watched it back a couple of times since. It was one of those games where everything went

"We'd had a bad start to the season, losing the first two games to West Brom and then at Wolves a few days earlier.

"I didn't play in either but was recalled as one of two wingers against United and it worked very



STARS: Terry Paine and John Sydenham wave farewell to The Dell at the last game there.

"It was one of my best games for the club and it came in my last season, towards the end of which I joined Aldershot.

"I loved playing with Ron, having a striker like that was a bit special. "The crosses came from quite a

distance but Ron got on the end of them one way or the other. He had that ability to make bad crosses

look like good ones.

"We tried to get the ball to him as quickly as we could. There was some doubt as to whether the second goal was actually an own goal by Francis Burns but it was rightly given to Ron.

"Funnily enough, I used to bump into Francis as he also moved out to Perth and lived round the corner

"We would always talk about that game!"

Sir Matt Busby's 24-year spell as United manager had ended at the end of the previous season, when he was replaced by Wilf McGuiness.

He was settling into a new role as director of the club when he described Ron Davies as the best

LOOKING BACK AT SIXTY YEARS OF MATCHES

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ON SPIRIT OF '69





Here, the Sports Pink looks at other memorable sporting changes of heart.

ALASTAIR COOK: Last month Cook was replaced as England's one-day international cricket captain by Eoin Morgan and left out of the World Cup squad, just days after the England and Wales Cricket Board suggested he would be leading the side at next year's

LANCE ARMSTRONG: The American retired from professional cycling in 2005 after winning his seventh Tour de France. Three years later he confirmed his return to the sport, going on to finish third in the 2009 Tour. He decided he really had had enough after the 2010 Tour, in which he went on to finish 23rd - though he was later stripped of all his tour wins in any case after finally admitting using performance-enhancing

IJAZ BUTT: The Pakistan Cricket Board chairman Ijaz claimed England players deliberately lost the third one-day international against Pakistan in return for money in September, 2010, before withdrawing the claims later that month.

BRETT FAVRE: The Green Bay Packers quarterback retired in March 2008, only to indicate his intention to return four months later, asking the Packers for his release. The club refused and traded him to the New York Jets a little under a month later. The following February Favre retired for a second time, but announced another return the following season with the Minnesota

JUSTINE HENIN: The Belgian former world number one had racked up seven Grand Slam titles, including four French Opens, when she announced her immediate

retirement from tennis in 2008, aged just 25. She reversed her decision the following year, confirm-ing her intention to return in 2010. She was handed a wildcard

to the 2010 Australian Open and went all the way to the final where she lost to Serena Williams Henin (pictured) retired for a second time in January 2011 due to an exacerbation of the elbow injury she sustained the previous year at Wimbledon.

STEVE COPPELL: The former Crystal Palace manager left Selhurst Park in October 1996 to take over at Manchester City. He lasted 33 days and six games before he quit. The 55-yearold repeated the trick in 2010, parting company with Bristol City and retiring from football management after just 112 days in charge at Ashton Gate.

MICHAEL JORDAN: The NBA legend announced his retirement from basket-ball in 1993, following the murder of his father earlier in the year, and signed a minor league baseball contract with the Chicago White Sox. In 1995, he announced his return to the NBA in a two-word statement: "I'm back". He retired for a second time in 1999 only to return again with the Washington Wizards in 2001, before finally calling it a day in 2003.



THIS was the match Saints had to win after a miserable twodefeat start to the season and the manner of their victory was emphatic and entertaining. A draw away from home is always regarded as a satisfactory result, but to win at Old Trafford-and score four goals—is a major achievement.

It has to be said that this was not the Manchester United of old, but not every side is able to take advantage of the fraities of others. Saints, however, exploited United's weaknesses to the full and have now gained three successive victories over the former European chambions. United of old, but not every side is able to take advantage of the frailties of others. Saints, however, exploited United's weaknesses to the full and have now gained three successive victories.

United scored their goal after eight minutes when the Saints defence was opened from a static position, Francis over the former European champions.

By their performance, Saints showed that their belief in the penalty area, Brian Kidd nearly touched the ball on and wapply the finishing touch.

This was investigated thoroughly at the National Recreation Centre at Lilleshall where the squad of 14 players trained for two days before meeting United,

could be forgiven for thinking they had started with two victories.

United scored their goal after eight minutes when the Saints defence was opened from a static position. Francis Burns placed a free kick into the penalty area, Brian Kidd neatly touched the ball on and Willie Morgan darted in to apply the finishing touch.

TOP SPEED

But even by this time Saints had already shown the ability to crack the United defence in and in the 12th minute the Sydenham-Davies combination as truck for the first time. The move was started by Gerry Gurr punting upfield where Saul nodded the ball ideason.



HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE

Basingstoke's flying start

BASINGSTOKE TOWN made a great start to their



centre-forward in Europe in the

aftermath of that victory.

"He was in his prime during and United soon came in with a bid of around £200,000 for him," continues Sydenham.

"But the club turned it down and Ron was never quite the same player afterwards."

George Best was only 23 at the

time, but his best days were also coming to an end.

"My other memory from that day was of having a drink with Georgy Best after the game," says BIG NEWS: How the Echo reported the victory, and left, Manchester United legend George Best coaching youngsters at AFC Totton

Sydenham. "He was telling Frank Saul and I how he'd seen a girl he liked at the back of an autograph queue. So he invited her down to the front and was about to take her out to London. The next morning the Sunday People said they were getting married!"

Sydenham is now 75 and recovering from a heart attack he suffered soon after he and his wife Jean moved to Melbourne from Perth last summer.

Fortunately, his positional play was as good as it was in the Sixties. "I was going into the doctor's

surgery to register a fortnight after our move when I had a slight pain in my chest," he explains.

'I would not have mentioned it if I had been anywhere else. Doing so was life-saving, the best thing I've ever done. Twenty minutes later I

was in an ambulance.
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16: Brentford (H)
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Wilson 23: Blackburn Rovers (A)L 2-3
Pitman, Cook
26: Northampton (H) Lge Cup W 3-0 Gosling, Pitman, Wilson
30: Norwich City (A)
SEPTEMBER
13: Rotherham (H)
16: Leeds Utd (H) L 1-3
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6: Wolves (A)
13: Cardiff City (H)
17: Liverpool (A) Lge Cup L 1-3
Gosling 20: Blackpool (A)
Ritchie (2), Wilson, Pitman, Pugh, Arter 26: Fulham (H)
Pitman, Arter 28: Millwall (A)
Kermogant, Arter
JANUARY
3: Rotherham (A) FA Cup
10: Norwich City
24: Leeds United
FEBRUARY 7: Wigan Athletic
10: Derby County (7.45pm)
21: Brentford
28: Blackburn Rovers
MARCH
3: Wolves (7.45pm)
14: Blackpool
21: Middlesbrough (3pm)
APRIL A
4: Ipswich Town
11: Brighton
18: Sheffield Wednesday

MAY

2: Charlton Athletic

SaintsSpotlight

STAR OF '69 WIN URGES SAINTS TO BE POSITIVE

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"It was a total shock. I never realised there was a problem, but I was very lucky.

"I had a stent put in and still have a couple of blockages but hopefully medication will look after those."

Sydenham was eight when his dad took him to The Dell for the first time. He has watched every game this season from his living room.

"It was devastating when the ex-Saints were banned from the ground but I'm thrilled that's no longer the case and am looking forward to coming over again in September," he said. "They've been very impressive. Like

everyone else I was disappointed when Shaw and Lallana left but there's been a lot to enjoy this season

"I didn't rate Wanyama at first but he's come good and Pelle will always score goals with the right support.

"I like the way the full-backs get forward, the way we play gives us plenty of options."

Saints have only won three post-war league games at Old Trafford - and the first came only ten months before the 4-1 victo-

Sadly there are only three survivors – Gerry Gurr, Terry Paine and Jimmy Gabriel - of the six who played in both back-to-back victories, following the passing of John McGrath, Ken Jones and Ron Davies.

Gurr was the goalkeeper who played in the only Saints team to win successive matches at Old

"I can never remember which comes first," he laughs from his home in Stow-in-the-Wold.

It was in October 1968 that Saints beat the European champions on their own ground, courtesy of goals by Frank Saul and Davies, either side of a George Best equaliser.

Saul hammered in a loose ball n the 18th minute after Davies had been fouled (the referee played advantage).

Just after half-time, Davies out-sprinted centre-half Bill Foulkes before shooting past Alec Stepney.

"It was phenomenal to beat them twice!" says Gurr, now 67 and still a professional musician.

"1968 was obviously a big season for them so they were nice games to



ON THE BALL: John Sydenham on a visit to St Mary's Stadium.

win and they gave us a big lift. "To go to Old Trafford and win

two years running hasn't been done very often, before or since. "The 4-1 win was a

John Sydenham showcase. He absolutely ran riot against Brennan as Ron did with Bill Foulkes.

"Those seasons were very good times. We must have played United at just the right time.
"We kept Charlton, Law and Best

at bay for the most part, I don't recall having too much to do in

SAINTS 1968: Gerald Gurr, Jospeh Kirkup, Ken Jones, Fred Kemp, John McGrath, Jimmy Gabriel, Paine, Mick Channon, Ron Davies, David Walker, Frank Saul.

MANCHESTER UNITED 1969: Jimmy Rimmer, Shay Brennan, Franc is Burns, Paddy Crerand, Bill Foulkes, David Sadler, Willie Morgan, Brian Kidd, Bobby Charlton, Denis Law, George Best, Don Givens.

SAINTS 1969: Gerald Gurr, Ken Jones, Denis Hollywood, Hugh Fisher, John McGrath, Jimmy Gabriel, Terry Paine, Frank Saul, Davies, Tony Byrne , John

either game."

The Sports Echo reported that Davies' third goal in the 1969 encounter "all started with a Gurr punt upfield which was nodded sideways by Saul."

It continued: "Fisher picked up the ball, ignored Paine's call for it on the right and switched play with

on the right and switched play with a fine crossfield pass of pinpoint accuracy to Sydenham on the left. Sydenham sped past Brennan, turned, turned back and beat him again and from his right-foot cross, Davies headed in."

Gurr also kept out a 20-yarder from Paddy Crerand and an effort

from Brian Kidd, but Saints were otherwise dominant.

Like Sydenham, Gurr also recalls

Best's post-match antics.

"When we got on the train we saw
Georgy Best in the restaurant carriage with a big ice bucket full of champagne with a girl on his arm, heading to London for a night out. I think that was one of the occasions when he disappeared for a few

Paine's main Old Trafford memories are also from the second win but he also remembers a third.

"We'd beaten the Busby Babes youth team there many years earlier, 3-2 in the second leg of a semi-final we lost on aggregate," he recalls. "Sir Matt Busby came in to our dressing room to congratulate us afterwards, which was extreme-ly nice. So I had three good victories there!

"To beat that United team there two season running was an outstanding effort.
"I still rate it as a better United

team than any of Fergie's sides.

"I once asked Bobby Chalrton what he thought was the best-ever United team and he said the mod-

ern teams.

"But I disagree, the Sixties team had three world-class forwards in Charlton, Best and Law - a formidable side and the best United team I've seen.

"The 1969 win was probably the best away win in the league that I was involved in.

"We were absolutely devastating and Ron Davies was the man to finish it all off.

"He was a great centre-forward to play off, there was no one better than him in the air.

"He was magnificent in the air, as a header and timer of the ball."
Paine believes that Saints have

what it takes to become the club's first team since the Sixties to take at least a point from successive vis-its to Old Trafford, following last year's 1-1 draw.

'We can go there with

all the confidence in the world, I honestly think we can beat any-body on our day," he added.

Saints Spotlight

Saints aim to finish above Arsenal for fourth time

IT'S only happened three times in football history.

Saints finishing above Arsenal in

a top flight table. It first happened in 1983/84, the season finished second in the old First Division – their highest ever league finish.

It happened again the following year, 1984/85, and the last time it happened – and the only time in the Premier League era – in 1994/95.

Now the question is being seriously asked: Can Saints make it five times this season?

Saints boss Ronald Koeman believes his club can finish above the Gunners, who have claimed a top four finish in each of Arsene Wenger's 18 seasons in north

And Koeman said that BEFORE Saints' 2-0 New Year's Day victory over the Gunners, only the second league loss Wenger had suffered to

Saints in his 18 years at Arsenal. Saints will not only have to rewrite history regarding the Gunners if they are to claim a sensational Champions League finish.

Saints have never finished higher than Liverpool in a league season.

But this campaign surely presents their best chance of ending that run.

And against a Liverpool squad including Adam Lallana, Rickie Lambert and Dejan Lovren.

Who would ever have contemplated Koeman's rebuilt squad finish-



VICTORY: Southampton's Dusan Tadic (11) scores against Arsenal on New Year's Day. RIGHT: Koeman's challenge to Arsenal before the game.

ing above the Reds, just 12 months after Brendan Rodgers' side went so close to winning the title?

Saints will now climb above Manchester United into third place if they can win at Old Trafford this coming Sunday.
Easier said than done, of course

given United recently won at St Mary's – albeit luckily – and that Saints have not won at Old Trafford since 1988.

Saints have never finished above Manchester United since the Premier League came into being.

Prior to that, they finished above the Red Devils in 1989/90 – seventh to United's 13th, the latter's lowest ever league finish under Sir Alex Ferguson.

They also finished above United in 1983/84 and 1980/81.

Before that, Saints also finished higher four times in six seasons - in 1968/69, 1970/71, 1972/73 and

On that last occasion, both clubs ended the season relegated from the old First Division.

finish fourth, Saints will

almost certainly need to finish Mauricio Pochettino's Tottenham.

That is also something the club haven't done too often in their top flight history.

In facty, only eight times have Saints finished higher than Spurs in 37 attempts.

Four of those have been during the Premier League era – 2009/04, 2002/03, 2000/01 and 1997/98.

Prior to that, Saints finished above Spurs in 1987/88, 1983/84, 1980/81 and 1979/80.



Saints aiming for a top four shock

SAINTS are aiming to cause one of the greatest shocks in English football history by finishing in a Champions League place.

In 37 previous seasons of top flight football, the club have only finished in the top four once - when they came runners-up to Liverpool in

Saints, who will climb into third place if they win at Old Trafford this Sunday, are aiming to be only the 14th club to finish in the top four since the Premier League was formed 23 years ago.

Since the turn of the millennium, only nine clubs have claimed a top four finish.

And, since the start of the 2005/06 term, the Champions League slots have been the preserve of just six clubs - the two Manchester teams, Arsenal, Tottenham, Chelsea and Liverpool.

Outside of that six, the last team to finish in the top four was Everton in

that, the last of Newcastle's five top four finishes came in 2002/03 and the last of



Leeds' three top four finishes was in

Only three clubs have ever finished in the top four once - Everton, Nottingham Forest and Norwich.

Forest were third in 1994/95, in their first season back in the top flight after promotion from the Championship.

Norwich were third in the Premier League's first season, 1992/93 – the Canaries having been top of the table with only six games left.

Ronald Koeman's Saints have

changed the recent course of history by starting a new year in a Champions League place.

Traditionally, the top four has been the preserve of the 'big clubs' even by January 1.

Prior to Saints this season, the last time a non 'big club' held down a top four slot on New Year's Day was in 2006/07.

Back then, Bolton Wanderers were fourth - two places ahead of Portsmouth.

Wanderers eventually finished

PREMIER LEAGUE TOP FOUR FINISHES (Max 22)

Manchester United 21 Arsenal 19 Liverpool 13 Chelsea 13 Newcastle 5 Manchester City 4 Leeds 3 Blackburn 3 Tottenham 2 Villa 2 Everton 1 Nottingham Forest 1 Norwich 1

seventh, with Harry Redknapp's Pompey still two places further behind.

On New Year's Day 2004, Charlton Athletic were fourth, the Addicks ending seventh.

The most 'unusual' January 1 Premier League table could be found in 2001, when the new year dawned with Sunderland third and Ipswich Town fourth.

George Burley's Ipswich went on to finish fifth, winning a UEFA Cup slot in their first season after promotion via the Championship play-offs.

Unsurprisingly, no newly promoted club has ever finished as high in a Premier League season - and it is doubtful one ever will.

Peter Reid's Sunderland finished seventh in 2000/01.

There was to be no long-lasting success story for either club, though. Ipswich were relegated the very season. 2001/02. while next Sunderland went down with a then Premier League points low 12 months after that.

The very first Premier League new year table-toppers in 1993 were Norwich, who as previously mentioned ended up third.

The huge sums of money that can now be found swilling around the Premier League were certainly absent back then.

Manchester United, the Premier League's first winners, received a merit payment of just over £815,000 for coming top. Compare that to last season, when the bottom club -Cardiff City – banked a £1.2m cheque for coming 20th out of 20.

SaintsSpotlight

EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE Premier Division:

	Ρ	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Corby Town	26	16	5	5	46	27	53
Poole Town	22	16	3	3	38	13	51
Weymouth	21	16	3	2	47	24	51
Redditch	26	14	6	6	50	25	48
Truro City	27	15	3	9	56	39	48
Hungerfordn	27	14	6	7	38	22	48
St Neots Town	27	14	6	7	54	44	48
Cirencester	26	12	9	5	50	29	45
Chesham	27	11	10	6	50	31	43
Hitchin Town	27	12	6	9	45	37	42
Dunstable	28	12	6	10	49	42	42
Slough Town	27	10	9	8	46	46	39
Chippenham	25	8	8	9	29	32	32
Cambridge City		7	10	10	40	42	31
Hereford	25	8	6	11	35	42	30
Biggleswade	27	7	8	12	38	49	29
Bideford	26	8	5	13	47	62	29
Histon	28	8	5	15	32	49	29
Paulton Rovers	27	7	7	13	42	48	28
Dorchester	26	6	4	16	33	52	22
Frome Town	26	6	4	16	31	58	22
Arlesey Town	28	6	4	18	28	59	22
*Burnham	27	6	5	16	31	48	20
Banbury	27	4	6	17	27	62	18

Division One South & West:

	Ρ	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Merthyr Town	23	19	2	2	78	19	59
Taunton Town	24	14	6	4	42	24	48
Didcot Town	22	13	6	3	52	27	45
Stratford Town	23	14	3	6	37	24	45
Evesham	23	12	7	4	45	18	43
Yate Town	24	12	5	7	48	34	41
Larkhall	24	11	6	7	41	29	39
North Leigh	24	10	8	6	64	32	38
Shortwood	22	10	7	5	39	28	37
Cinderford	22	10	6	6	42	22	36
Bridgwater	22	9	6	7	38	31	33
AFC Totton	23	10	3	10	35	37	33
Swin Super	24	10	2	12	42	48	32
Wimborne	22	9	4	9	34	35	31
Mangotsfield	23	9	3	11	44	39	30
Tiverton Town	23	8	6	9	33	31	30
Sholing	25	7	6	12	30	48	27
Clevedon Tn	23	6	3	14	29	62	21
Fleet Town	23	4	7	12	27	50	19
Wantage Tn	23	3	3	17	25	61	12
Bashley	24	1	4	19	13	80	7
Bishops CI	24	1	3	20	28	87	6

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

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Moneyfields	24	16	5	3	68	18	53
Petersfield	22	16	4	2	65	32	52
Blackfield	23	15	5	3	55	24	50
Whitchurch	23	14	5	4	54	41	47
Winchester	22	14	3	5	68	27	45
Folland Sp	21	14	3	4	41	25	45
Lymington	25	12	4	9	47	37	40
Newport (IoW)	20	11	2	7	44	30	35
Andover Town	25	11	2	12	41	40	35
Brockenhurst	25	10	4	11	47	51	34
Portchester	20	9	4	7	30	23	31
Bemerton HH	23	8	5	10	36	46	29
Horndean	19	8	4	7	30	28	28
Hamworthy	25	7	7	11	44	43	28
Fawley	25	8	3	14	30	53	27
Alresford Tn	22	6	4	12	36	42	22
Bournemouth	23	6	4	13	37	66	22
Christchurch	25	5	4	16	42	74	19
Verwood Tn	20	5	1	14	22	45	16
Fareham Tn	22	1	7	14	20	60	10
Totton & Eling	22	0	4	18	27	79	4

Division One

	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Tadley Calleva	14	11	1	2	51	13	34
Team Solent	14	11	1	2	40	22	34
Amesbury	13	10	0	3	47	17	30
Cowes Sports	14	9	2	3	34	17	29
New Milton	14	8	2	4	38	26	26
Ringwood	16	8	1	7	32	26	25
Fleet Spurs	16	7	4	5	26	32	25
US Portsmouth	13	8	0	5	30	23	24
Pewsey Vale	15	7	1	7	31	21	22
Hythe & Dibder	110	6	0	4	18	15	18
Laverstock	13	5	1	7	17	24	16
Downton	13	3	2	8	14	21	11
Andover NS	15	2	2	11	16	35	8
East Cowes	18	1	1	16	7	79	4
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	Ρ	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Baffins Milton	20	15	2	3	80	25	47
Hamble Club	16	15	0	1	42	7	45
Liphook	19	13	1	5	44	34	40
AFC Stoneham	18	11	6	1	58	23	39
Headley Utd	21	10	1	10	50	51	31
Otterbourne	15	9	2	4	36	25	29
Paulsgrove	20	8	4	8	37	44	28
Stockbridge	22	8	2	12	47	40	26
C Common	18	8	1	9	43	47	25
Fleetlands	20	7	3	10	48	50	24
Overton	18	7	3	8	31	40	24
Bush Hill	18	7	2	9	38	37	23
Winch Castle	16	6	4	6	37	41	22
Clanfield	19	5	6	8	34	50	21
QK Soton	21	6	3	12	38	59	21
Hedge End	17	5	2	10	24	40	17
Liss Athletic	20	5	0	15	37	67	15
Locks Heath	22	3	2	17	29	73	11

Tables do not include this weekend's

IT WAS the 1950s when Saints and Ipswich Town first met in a competitive match and 60 years later they are about to do battle once more - for the second time in two weeks.

Since that day, on April 17 1954, the two clubs have clashed 67 times in league and cup action.

The Portman Road side, currently flying high in the Championship, boast the most wins (25 to Saints

Saints, however, have never lost to the Tractor Boys in the FA Cup, the competition they meet in a third round replay in Suffolk next Wednesday after the 1-1 draw at St

Here, the Sports Pink has charted each of the Portman Road encounters, from the downright dreary to the epic thrillers.

> April 17, 1954 Division 3, South Ipswich 2 Saints 1

In the first meeting between the teams, Ipswich took a 2-0 lead before Eric Day, who scored 26 goals for Saints that term, struck a 78th minute goal consolation.

The hosts went on to be crowned Division 3 South champions.

> 24 August, 1955 Division 3, South **Ipswich 4 Saints 2**

After one season in Division 2 , Ipswich were relegated back to the

That meant Saints could try and atone for their defeat two seasons

They led 2-0 through Tommy Mulgrew and Peter Brown before the Blues hit back.

> 9 March, 1957 Division 3, South Ipswich 2 Saints 0

Ipswich netted twice in the second half en route to another Division 3

> 24 September, 1960 Division 2 **Ipswich 3 Saints 3**

Saints picked up their first ever point at Portman Road.

Terry Paine netted the first two goals before Tommy Mulgrew put Saints ahead six minutes from

Alf Ramsey's Ipswich, who went on to win the title, levelled late on.

The following January Saints thrashed the Tractor Boys 7-1 in the FA Cup third round.

> 19 April, 1965 Division 2 Ipswich 2 Saints 0

Saints' wait for a first league win over Ipswich went on after conceding two first half goals.

> 18 December, 1965 Division 2

Ipswich 3 Saints 0 Saints' miserable run of defeats at Portman Road continued.

30 January, 1968 League Cup Ipswich 5 Saints 2

Saints were in the midst of a fairly poor season in Division 1, while were destined to crowned champions of Division 2.

That combination was disastrous



for Saints as weak defending resulted in this thrashing.

Martin Chivers was on target for Saints – the other was an own goal.

12 April, 1969 Division 1 Ipswich 0 Saints 0

4 April, 1970

Ipswich 2 Saints 0

Both sides struggled this season, finishing 18th and 19th respective-

Jimmy Robertson and Tommy Carroll (penalty) gave the hosts both points.

3 April, 1971 Division 1 Ipswich 1 Saints 3



Saints came from behind to win at

Portman Road for the first time.
After Charlie Woods had put
Town ahead, Jimmy Gabriel levelled from the penalty spot just past the hour. Strike pair Mick Channon and

Ron Davies both struck in the last 15 minutes.

18 March, 1972 Division 1 Ipswich 1 Saints 1

Bobby Stokes put Saints ahead after 30 minutes before the visitors were pegged back on 66 minutes by Trevor Whymark.

Saints were down to ten men by the time the hosts equalised after Terry Paine had been sent off.

27 January, 1973 Division 1 **Ipswich 2 Saints 2**

Ron Davies put Saints ahead before Ipswich hit back through Colin Viljoen and Bryan Hamilton. Mick Channon struck on the

2 February, 1974 Division 1 **Ipswich 7 Saints 0**

On the back of seven games with-out a win, Saints were pummelled by a rampant Ipswich side who

claimed a top four finish.

Trevor Whymark led the spree with a hat-trick, with Bryan Hamilton, Kevin Beattie and Mick

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Lambert also on target.

Saints won just three more games that season and were relegated from the top flight.

10 February, 1979 Division 1 Ipswich 0 Saints 0

24 November, 1979 Division 1

Ipswich 3 Saints 1 Steve Williams scored from 25 yards on 87 minutes, but the damage had already been done after Ipswich scored three first half goals through Alan Brazil (2) and John Wark.

13 May, 1981 Division 1

Ipswich 2 Saints 3 On the last day of the 1980/81 sea-Saints beat an Ipswich side who had just confirmed as run-ners-up behind champions Aston

Kevin Keegan notched his 11th league goal of the campaign and Steve Moran hit his 17th and 18th goals of the term.

All Saints' goals came in the first half hour, easing them into a 3-0 lead, with Alan Brazil and John Wark both replying in a breathless

> 16 February, 1982 Division 1 **Ipswich 5 Saints 2**

Alan Brazil netted all five Ipswich goals in a season where they finished top flight runners-up for a

second year running.
Dave Puckett and Kevin Keegan replied

1 January, 1983 Division 1 **Ipswich 2 Saints 1**

Frans Thijssen and future Saint Russell Osman put the hosts in command before Mark Wright

21 February, 1984 Division 1

Ipswich 0 Saints 3
During Saints' finest ever topflight season – when they finished second just three points behind champions Liverpool – they completed the double over Ipswich.

Dave Armstrong, Frank Worthington and Steve Moran gave them a rare win at Portman

1 December, 1984



GOAL: Rickie Lambert celebrates at Portman Road

Division 1

Ipswich 0 Saints 1
Dave Armstrong hit a 46th minute winner to give Saints a second successive win at Town.

31 August, 1985

Division 1
Ipswich 1 Saints 1
For the third season running, Dave Armstrong scored at Portman Road – an 85th minute lev-eller after Ian Cranson's first half

Ipswich were relegated at the end of the season.

30 October, 1990 League Cup Ipswich 0 Saints 2

With Ipswich now a league below Saints – and had been for five season – the visitors lived up to their favourites tag in this potential banana skin.

Danny Wallace and Matt Le Tissier were on target.

7 November, 1992 Premier League Ipswich 0 Saints 0

17 August, 1993 Premier League Ipswich 1 Saints 0

Both sides struggled in the topflight and just about staved off relegation – finishing on the same points total in 18th and 19th.

The Tractor Boys snatched a 1-0 win as Saints lost all three of their opening games of the season, Ian Marshall bagging a second half winner.

25 February, 1995 Premier League Ipswich 2 Saints 1

Ipswich 2 Saints 1 Ipswich were in the middle of a dismal run of 11 league defeats in 12 matches – but this was their only victory in that time!

Neil Maddison put Saints ahead but George Burley's men hit back through Alex Mathie and Lee Chapman.

13 December, 1999 FA Cup Ipswich 0 Saints 1

The late Dean Richards headed in a first half goal to give the visitors

16 December, 2000 Premier League Ipswich 3 Saints 1

Promoted Ipswich made a big impact on the top flight – going on to finish fifth – and had just won 1-0 at Liverpool as Saints arrived at Portman Road

James Beattie gave Saints an early 1-0 lead but the visitors came undone in the second half.

James Scowcroft and Armstrong put Town ahead before Wayne Bridge scored a 90th minute own goal.

2 March, 2002 Premier League Ipswich 1 Saints 3

Ipswich's form took a horrendous turn for the worst in the last four months of the season, where they won just once in 13 games.

Saints, netted three second half goals through Rory Delap, Brett Ormerod and a wonder strike from Chris Marsden, Finidi George replying.
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Summer signings 'coming good' for Rodgers

LIVERPOOL manager Brendan Rodgers believes the club's arrivals from last summer are starting to prove their worth after the Reds claimed a 1-0 win at Sunderland today.

Rodgers came under pressure earlier in the season due to a run of poor results and a host of summer signings - including three from Saints - failing to make an impression.

Yet their hopes of a Barclays Premier League top-four finish have been given a boost by a run that has seen them lose just once in 12 games.

And Lazar Markovic (pictured), signed from Benfica for a reported £20million fee last July, produced his best performance in a Liverpool shirt, scoring a ninthminute winner at the Stadium of

Rodgers told BT Sport 1: "Our confidence is returning. It's a team that gets better and better as the season goes on. This year a lot of new players have come in but they're understanding their way of working.

"We've got a lot of exciting young talent here that are just slowly starting to feel their way into our team and our philosophy. They're playing very well so we just want to keep that continuity and keep that work going,'

Rodgers was delighted with his side's performance against Sunderland, who were booed off at the end of both halves following a flat display.

"It was an outstanding team performance today. I thought we had great control of the game, I suppose the only disappointment was that we never got more goals," he

"No matter how much domination you have of a game, when it's 1-0 you're always going to be asked to defend, and when they did that the players were outstanding. So a great victory for us and it just keeps our momentum going."

Markovic put his side ahead with a clinical finish, but was denied what would have been a superb second when the underside of the crossbar kept out his acrobatic half-volley.

Sixty-one years of Saints v Ipswich...

FROM PAGE 17 13 September, 2005 Championship Ipswich 2 Saints 2

Fresh from relegation from the Premier League, Saints were finding their feet in the second tier. They were two games into a run of eight successive stelmates.

Darren Powell and Dennis Wise scored, with Ipswich hitting back through Richard Naylor and Owen Garvan.

9 September, 2006 Championship **Ipswich 2 Saints 1**

Kenwyne Jones gave Saints a third minute lead on George Burley's Portman Road return.

However, a Simon Walton penalty and Billy Clarke's goal sentenced Saints to defeat.

27 November, 2007 Championship

Ipswich 2 Saints 0
A Saints team, which contained the likes of Bradley Wright-Phillips, Jhon Viafara, Jason Euell, Stern John and Rudi Skacel, struggled for form in the

Championship this term.
They travelled to Portman Road off the back of a 1-0 victory over Blackpool, but lost to goals from Jonathan Walters and Pablo Counago.

3 March, 2009 Championship Ipswich 0 Saints 3

As financial woe embroiled Saints off the field, relegation loomed for the team on it.

This result came off the back of two successive home victories for Saints, but this eventually became their penultimate win of the campaign.

Jason Euell netted twice, while current Gosport Borough striker Matt Paterson bagged the other late on – his first senior goal for the club.

23 January, 2010

FA Cup
Ipswich 1 Saints 2
Wayne Thomas and Michail
Antonio scored as third tier
Saints defeated their one division higher visitors.

August 16, 2011 Championship Ipswich 2 Saints 5

Saints were four games into a rampant start to the Championship season that saw them lose just one of their eleven opening games. Nigel Adkins's side would even-

tually build on that early momentum by gaining automatic promotion to the Premier League.

Ipswich were in the middle of a four-game losing streak and, unbelievably, this wasn't the worst defeat they suffered in that

drab spell.

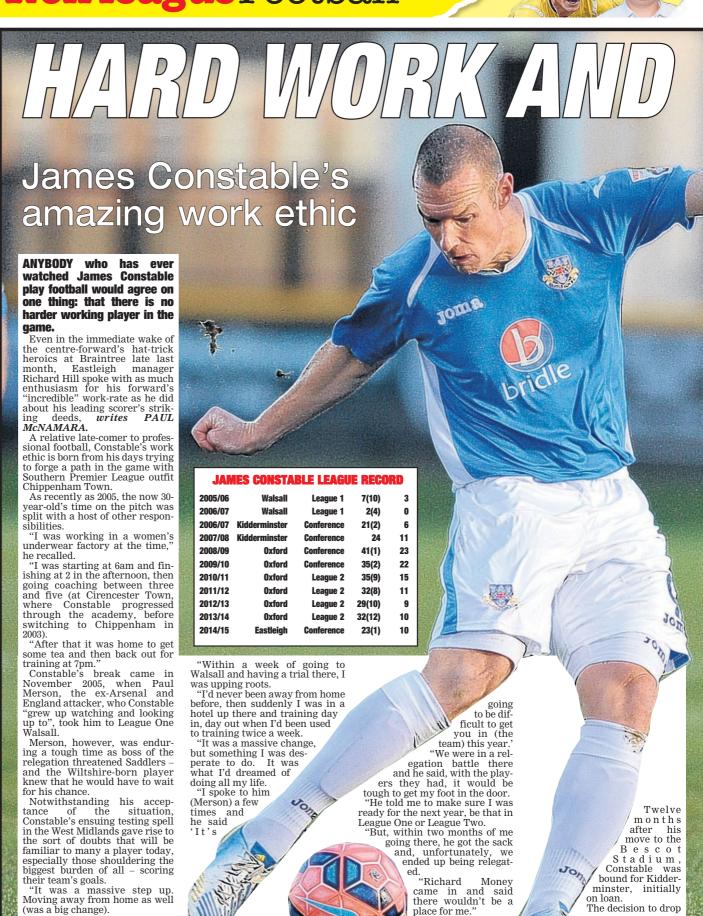
The following game they were trounced 7-1 by Peterborough United.

Rickie Lambert and Adam Lallana scored twice and David Connolly, most recently of Portsmouth, also netted.

Keith Andrews and Emmanuel-Thomas replied. Jay

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GOING FOR GOAL: James Constable gets a header on goal but to no avail during the FA Cup 2nd Round tie between Southport FC and Eastleigh FC. Picture: Ste Jones / KT8

back into non-league football eight years ago was one that the striker would twice repeat in his career

If his most recent move - swapping his talismanic status at League Two Oxford United for life with fiercely ambitious Eastleigh with flercely ambitious Eastleigh in May last year – was understandably "difficult", Constable harboured no misgivings when decamping to 'Kiddy'.

"That was the turning point for me. My career had gone a bit stale at Walsall. I'd not really played, and you do question yourself then.

"You wonder 'Is it too big a step up are you capable of doing it?"

up, are you capable of doing it?"
"It was a big chance for me to go
there (Kidderminster) and prove that I was still able to do it.

It was during his 14-month stay with the Worcestershire club that Constable wrote his name into the record books - not that he looks back on that particular occasion

with unadulterated joy.
_Playing in the final of the 2007 FA Trophy – the day before AFC Totton's FA Vase final loss to Truro City – Constable struck the first competitive goal at the new Wembley Stadium – then added

the next one for good measure.

The day ended on a sour note, however, when Welsh international Steve Morison scored a late goal to complete a turnaround victory for Stevenage Borough.

"It was nice to score two goals,

but the feeling at the end was something we didn't enjoy, losing 3-2 in the last minute," he recalled. "It was a great experience to go

there and play in a game like that. "It's something that when my daughter grows up I can show her. I've still got the shirt but, still to this day, I haven't watched the DVD.

"I've seen bits and bobs, but to watch the whole game would be a bit too difficult. After the way we

bit too difficult. After the way we played in the first half, to then watch the second half..."

Goals, of course, are the currency by which any striker lives or disc.

dies.
Constable confesses that hitting the back of the net will always be his personal priority. "I'm one of those players who

need to be scoring goals.

"You have a lot of forwards who contribute a lot with their set-ups and are quite happy scoring five or six (a season). I want to score as many goals as I can.

"As a forward, it's important that

you're scoring goals and taking pressure off the rest of your team.

"If you can get yourself in the right areas and get yourself some goals, it makes it a lot easier for everythedy olse." everybody else.

That single-minded attitude and a healthy st Kidderminster healthy strike return for soon

Constable win his way back into the Football League.

This was a man determined to make his mark in the game and, as remains true today, his working background was a real source of motivation.

'A lot of players I speak to, you hear about them growing up and

the clubs they've been at.
"In a way I feel that I missed that, having that history behind me, coming through as a youth trainee and going on to be a pro.

"I think, having worked – and especially when I signed for Walsall – I was thinking 'I might have to go back to working, here.

"It wasn't working out for me.
"Having gone to Kidderminster,
I thought 'I'm not going back there. I don't want to go back to getting up at quarter to five in the morning to start work.'

"I think it (that background) does give you the hunger. "My family are a big part of that.

My parents worked so hard to give me an opportunity to do it. You don't want to let them down and go back to doing a normal job.

"This is what I've always wanted to do. Playing football is what you dream of doing.

DESPERATE

"You need to make sure you take that opportunity and work as hard as you can because there will be plenty more people out there desperate to take that place off

Constable's next destination was League Two team Shrewsbury Town but, all too quickly, he was

drawing parallels with his previous jump into the league.
All the while, though, Constable remained steadfastly faithful to the work ethic that had already served him so well.

"Gary Peters was the manager who signed me (for Shrewsbury in January 2008) and within two

months, again, he was sacked.

"Paul Simpson came in and told
me to get fit over the summer. I probably worked as hard as I have in my whole career.
"I came back and was desperate

to ensure that what happened at Walsall didn't happen again – not to waste my chance to play in the

"I got myself as fit as I could, turned up on the first day of preseason and Grant Holt (signed in the summer of 2008 on a Shrewsbury club record deal from Nottingham Forest) and Richard Walker (the former Aston Villa striker, on loan from Bristol Rovers) were there.

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SECOND XI: CRICKET IN ITS OUTPOSTS

By Tim Wigmore & others Sports book of the month price: £12.99

Several years ago, Steve Menary wrote the excellent Outcasts, a book which from its earliest chapters had the reader thinking about football's international anomalies.

Why, you wondered, can't the Channel Isles or Gibraltar, Greenland or Monaco have their own national side? Menary supplied the answer after "wading through the minefield of FIFA statutes and UEFA avoidance tactics" which led him to con-

clude that football's identity had become con-sumed by pol-itics, money and consumerism. Football, it seemed, was not as inclusive as its administrators would



After reading Second XI, however, it would appear that cricket is the exact opposite. For many years, the game's administrators have actively sought ways of ensuring that cricket became established in what could politely be called sporting outposts. That it is now officially the world's second most popular sport suggests they succeeded beyond their wildest dreams.

As with Outcasts, the authors of Second XI focus on players keen to represent their country, regardless of its cricketing history. It almost goes without saying that driven by such desire, would-be international cricketers are prepared to sacrifice precious family time, holidays and their own money in their pursuit of their sporting nirvana.

The story of how the captain of Afghanistan, a man raised in a refugee camp, will play in this year's World Cup is inspirational. Then there's the tale of how a group of committed Irishmen retain their dream of one day achieving Test status and ending the drain of indigenous players to England. From the UAE to Kenya, Holland to the USA, cricket is alive and well; indeed, there's even talk of China one day fielding a team.

English cricket has suffered as a result of being absent from terrestrial television. Reading this book will, however, rekindle a love for what many are missing.

We've teamed up with Sports Book of the Month & have a copy of SECOND XI to give away.

To win this week's sports book, go to their website (www.sports-bookofthemonth.com) and answer the following question: Which country is hosting this year's cricket's World Cup?

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Quigley 'good fit' for Poole

MANAGER Tom Killick hopes the addition of teenage AFC **Bournemouth striker Joe** Quigley will prove to be "a good fit" for Poole Town. Quigley, a second-year scholar at Dean Court, this week joined the Evo-Stik Southern Premier promotion chasers on an initial month-long youth

He has netted nine times for the Cherries this season, his sharp-shooting exploits helping them go top of the south west section of the Football League Youth Alliance.

The 18-year-old (pictured) is the latest graduate of the Priestlands production line, the Lymington-based school whose old boys include Paul Rideout, Russell Perrett, Sam

Vokes and Josh McQuoid. "It is no secret we have been looking to strengthen our striking options for some time. said Killick.



"In normal circumstances perhaps I wouldn't have been looking to take someone as inexperienced and young, but Joe is a powerful lad. There is no doubting his ability and he is physically strong.

"He is very proficient technically and I am excited to have him and think he can do well

"I think he will be a good fit and it will benefit both parties because he probably hasn't played a lot of men's football and we need someone who can occupy defenders.

Quigley netted on his Poole debut on Tuesday, scoring the second in a 3-0 win over Sholing in the Southern League Red Insure Cup. And the towering teenager has vowed to use his time with the Dolphins to catch the eye in the race for a professional contract with Cherries.

Quigley was in the right place to notch from close range after Luke Burbidge's shot had been parried by Boatmen's keeper Lee Webber in the 28th minute at Tatnam. His strike was sandwiched by efforts from ex-AFC Totton forward Luke Roberts and an own goal from Sholing defender Dan Miller.

Afterwards Quigley said: "I have tried to hone my technical side this season and hopefully this month will give me a bit of experience and the chance to put that into prac-tice against stronger players."

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"Straight away I was thinking 'here we go'.
"My back was up against the wall

again and I knew that it was going to be difficult to force my way in.

"They (the club) made it clear that a loan move would be the best thing for me and I went down to Oxford.

Thus began a six-year relationship that ended with Constable just one goal short of Graham Atkinson's U's club record tally of 107.
Already with a total of 11 strikes

to his name in the Spitfires' blue, he reflects enthusiastically on a period at Oxford that began in some style.

"It was an unbelievable time. Within two or three months of arriving there on loan I had decided that I wanted to stay there for as long as I

"They offered me a deal to keep me after the (one year) loan had expired and I spent six great years there.

"I had a great time there and achieved a lot in terms of getting the club out of the Conference.

"Looking back across my time there, we should have probably gone and done better - got out of League Two and kicked on.

"Going to Kidderminster gave me the belief that I could do it in the Conference.

"I had gone back into the league (with Shrewsbury) and had a bit of a knockback, but at Oxford we had a decent first season (during my time).
"We missed out on the play-offs,

but would have been in them if we hadn't had five points deducted for fielding an ineligible player (Eddie Hutchinson).

"In the second year, we were in a great position and should have gone up automatically.

"We finished third in the end but went up through the play-offs.
"Within the first two or three years

of being in the league we should have got out of it (League Two) and it might have been a different story regarding where the club could have gone on to.

That play-off triumph took Constable back to Wembley, and he was soon up to his old tricks at the national stadium, contributing Oxford's second goal on the way to a 3-1 victory over York City.

It was one of 26 in all across that 2009/2010 season, matching his tally

for the previous campaign.

Back in the Football League, but this time already settled in his environment and by now skippering the II's. Constable encountered no problems in adapting to the higher level.

Indeed, his 15 League Two goals and powerful front-running during 2010/11 term caught some esteemed eyes - as well as going on to provide a test of the player's loyalty, one that he would pass with flying colours.

Constable first declined interest Constable first declined interest from then League One Bournemouth, led by Lee Bradbury and Steve Fletcher – two men well versed in the art of striking – before his club, after rejecting "two or three" initial bids, eventually accepted an offer for their man from bitter rivals Swindon Town.

"I made it clear that it wasn't some.

"I made it clear that it wasn't something I was looking to do. To have played for Oxford for as long as I had and captained them, with the history of going to Wembley and everything, it wasn't something that I was willing to contemplate," he said.

"For the football club, it was a

"To have those people believe in you and

give you that opportunity is massive"

great deal of money for them and they saw it as an opportunity to

make some money.

"For me, though, I didn't even want to discuss that and didn't want to lead them (Swindon) on into thinking that I would go there.

"I made it clear that that wasn't something I wanted to do

"It put me in a bit of a difficult position, them (Oxford) accepting a bid. I was stuck then.

"I wasn't allowed to say anything to anyone while it was all going on. I wanted to put my point across but I was stopped from doing that. "It made it difficult until it was all

resolved on the evening of the deadline day (in January 2012), when it (the deal) was all off.

"I could relax then and say that I never wanted to go. The next day I was back in training and that was it. We brushed it under the carpet and got on with it."

The identity of Constable's pursuers, in particular Paolo Di Canio, the exceptional former Sheffield Wednesday and West Ham forward, then bossing Swindon, afforded the sought-after striker a healthy dollop of the vital intangible quality that he and plenty of his footballing counterparts crave-confidence.

Di Canio had been especially forthright when praising his target: 'He has pace, he is tall, he can score with both feet and his physical presence

Constable admits that the scramble for his services offered a welcome boost. "As a player, and if any of them tell you different it's a lie,

that helps a lot.
"It's easy, especially as a forward if you miss a couple of chances, for the head to go down and then to go into your shell. To have those people – and signing for Walsall with Paul Merson – believe in you and give you that opportunity is a massive confidence boost.

"A lot of the time I was at Walsall I was soul searching and thinking to myself 'Is this right for me?'

"You've left everything you know to go there and you're constantly battling yourself, to convince your-

self you're good enough to do it.
"To have these people saying they want to sign you, that gives you the confidence you need.

After developing such a close affinity with Oxford United any decision to leave the club, whenever it came, would never be straightforward.

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Furthermore, finding a home that offered more than just a promise of treading water was paramount for Constable.

spent a lot of evenings with my girlfriend and with my mum and dad discussing the ins and outs of

it.
"I'd had a great time there (Oxford), but when we started negotiations we the contract negotiations were in different areas.

"They offered me a year on a lot less than I'd been on.

"With a young family, it would have been a tough decision to do that. I had to look after them.

"I met Stew (Stewart Donald, Spitfires chairman) and and had seen what they'd done the year

before, getting promoted, and the plans for the coming season.

"Thyring experience of the

"Having experience of the Conference I knew what it was like. It was a new challenge and some-thing that I was desperate to

bridle

do.
"I knew plenty about the club. The gaffer just asked me to come along, have a look around and listen to their plans.

"That made it far easier, having come in and spoken to them.

"And Stew's enthusiasm – not many chairmen have that.

"It was infec-tious and it brought back memories of leaving Walsall and going to Kiddy, and also of going to Oxford.

"When you walk in the door and see the ambition, it gave me that buzz and I was desperate for the new challenge.

"As a player, you maybe do get a bit comfortable at a club.

'A lot of players spend a lot of time in one place and don't challenge themselves.

"It wasn't going to be a decision I would take lightly.
"If I was going to leave Oxford it

had to be for the right reasons, for the chance to hopefully get back to the position we were in at Oxford, which is in the league.

"I had a chance over the summer to speak to Wimbledon, along with a few other League Two clubs like Stevenage, but maybe the philosophy they had was slightly different

or the one here.

"They (other clubs) said they wanted to bring a couple of strikers in and Wimbledon did with (Adebayo)

Akinfenwa and (Matt) Tubbs.

"For me, though, looking across the whole side they weren't going to be challenging for the league.'

Decision made, Constable was eager to hit the ground running. Two goals on debut in a pre-season outing at Didcot, then, were most welcome.

Nevertheless, it took until a fifth league appearance for the Spitfires' high-profile recruit to hit the target in a competitive match (Constable scored twice in a 3-1 win over Welling) – not an age by any means but, for a man who invests so much in his scoring return, long enough.

"It was nice to get a couple at Didcot, but kicking into the league I went a few games without (scoring). You're then thinking to yourself 'Is it going to come, is it going to be one of those seasons?"

In fact, after a burst of five goals in three games over the Christmas period – form that made him a shoein for the club's December player-of-the-month award – it is shaping up into something more like one of his goal-filled campaigns at Oxford.

Constable, though, is permanently striving to better himself.

In that mission, he says that his new colleagues, strike-partner Craig McAllister chief among them, are a constant source of help.
"He's a great lad, Macca. Even at

my age, you can still learn a lot.
"Macca is a bit older than me, but
he's still scoring goals and still doing everything that you should be as a forward.
"I can still learn a lot from people

like that. It was the same with Fleets (Stuart Fleetwood, now on loan with Forest Green Rovers) when he was

here. He was a big help.
"Nobody is ever the finished article. You can always learn more.

"It was nice to get a few goals over Christmas and I'm hoping now we can put a half-decent run together and get in the play-offs. Then you never know what could happen.

"We performed well over the Christmas against and get in the play-offs."

Christmas period and picked up some good points.
"To let that slip, and let the home

record slip on Sunday (last weekend, a 2-0 reverse against Altrincham) was bitterly disappointing.

"But we've got that many games coming up that it's important we move on as quickly as we can and look forward to a tough back end of the season.

"As a group of players, looking at the teams (I played with) at Kidderminster and Oxford that went to Wembley, no disrespect to them, but in terms of the quality of the squad here, we can easily match that, if not better it.

"As a group of players, we believe we can do it.

"As a club it would be a massive thing, and for the players as well.
"We've got some young lads, but

we've got some players who are get-ting on as well – me included.

You don't get many opportunities and that's one thing we touch on in the changing room before games.

You don't get many chances to get out of these leagues, get a bit of success, get some silverware and get into the Football League.

"We need to make sure that we knuckle down.

"It's going to be a tough three or four months, but at the end of it there could be a great reward.

You can then go away on your holidays in the summer and know you've been successful."

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- 1. Swansea signed Wilfried Bony from which club in 2013?
- 2. Formula One team McLaren will partner with which engine supplier from this coming season?
- 3. How old is cyclist Mark Cavendish?
- 4. In which year did Cardiff switch their kit from blue to
- 5. Major League Baseball's Royals play in which city?
- 6 Can you name the FA Cup final matchwinner who went on to play for the Kansas City Wizards in 1998 and later joined their coaching staff?
- 7 Jimmy Gopperth will return to the Aviva Premiership with Wasps next year, but who did he play for during his first spell



QUESTIONS 1 AND 8: Wilfried Bony

- 8 Who did Wilfried Bony score against on his Premier League debut for Swansea?
- 9 How many times has Andy Murray reached the final of the Australian Open? 10 Which NBA franchise plays at Target Center? 11 Which NBA team plays in the City of Brotherly Love? 12 How many Test double centuries has Sri Lanka's Kumar Sangakkara scored? 13 Who defeated Andy Murray in the quarter-finals of the 2014 Australian Open?
- 14 Glanford Park is home to which League One side? 15 Rhys Priestland made his senior Wales debut against which country in 2011?

14. Scunthorpe; 15. Scotland. 12. 11; 13. Roger Federer; 11. The Philadelphia 76ers; Minnesota Timberwolves; Falcons; 8. Manchester United; 9. Three (2010, 2011 and 2013); 10. The United 1-0); 7. Newcastle Everton beat Manchester (scored in the 1995 final as Kansas City; 6. Paul Rideout Answers: 1. Vitesse Arnhem; 2. Honda; 3. 29; 4. 2012; 5.

Non-league Football





Palmer drops down FORMER Havant &

Waterlooville striker Ollie Palmer has joined Vanarama Conference outfit Grimsby on an initial month's loan from Mansfield Town.

The 22-year-old, pictured below, signed for The Stags for an undisclosed fee from Havant in August 2013 having been voted 'player-of-the-year' in the Conference South in 2012/13 when he topped the scoring charts

with 25 goals. He netted five times in 43 appearances during his first season with Mansfield in League Two and has been utilised mostly as a

substitute this term.

Stags boss Adam Murray explained: "Ollie has not really had a consistent run of games in the first team since he joined the club.

"This loan deal will allow him the opportunity to build up confidence and get into a goalscoring routine." **Promotion-chasing Grimsby** sit fourth in the Vanarama Conference.

Edgar back in Town LIAM Edgar has returned to Romsey Town from fellow Sydenhams One side Hythe & Dibden.

Edgar, who counts Lymington Town, Ringwood Town and Totton & Eling among his former clubs, is joined at the Bypass Ground by fellow new signing Daniel McGurn-Stewart.

League job offer

THE Sydenhams Wessex League is seeking to appoint a commercial manager to bring in more sponsorship. The role will be paid on a

commission basis.

Anyone interested should email league chairman lan Hoare at chairman.wessexleague@gmail.com.

Pearson steps up

ADAM Pearson has left Sydenhams Premier outfit Whitchurch United to step into the Southern League.

The big, imposing centre-half, who was skipper at Longmeadow, has joined the fight to keep Bashley in Division One South & West. The 23-year-old was due to make his Bash debut at AFC Totton today (Saturday).



CRACKER-JACK: Blackfield & Langley goalkeeper Jack Nicholson is ready for action Moneyfields' Steve Hutchings heads goalwards during last weekend's Sydenhams Premier clash.

TEENAGE KICKS: NICHOLSON SHUTS OUT MONEYS' HOTSHOTS

SEVENTEEN-year-old Nicholson achieved what many more experienced goalkeepers would love to do last Saturday shutting out Moneyfields' prolific front two of Steve **Hutchings and Alfie Rutherford.**

But although the Blackfield & Langley rookie professed himself "over the moon" to have kept the 50plus goal partnership quiet, he was quietly kicking himself for having his clean sheet tarnished by a Jack Lee strike in stoppage time.

The good news for Nicholson and the Watersiders was that Lee's goal – a far-post finish from Jake Morgan's deep free-kick – was too little, too late for then league leaders Moneyfields who, by their own admission, were flattered by the 2-1

scoreline at Gang Warily. Blackfield's more experienced campaigners had too much know-how for their Portsmouth visitors on an afternoon when, thanks to goals from sub Ed Zanin and Liam Green, John Robson's Watersiders announced themselves as serious contenders for the Sydenhams Premier crown.

With a name like Jack Nicholson, you would expect him to flourish on the big stage. And Blackfield's teenage understudy didn't fluff his lines in the spotlight.

The stakes were high but, far from being over-awed by the occasion, the young man relished every minute of it after getting a 2.30pm call-up to replace the unwell Scott O'Rourke.

Wendy Gee

"Scotty had had flu and didn't feel well in the warm-up. Once I heard I'd be playing I was champing at the bit have a go," said Totton-based Nicholson.

"I'm a young lad, but I like a big occasion and there was a good turnout there.

'With (veteran keeper) Dave Hook in goal for Moneyfields, there was a big age difference from one end to the other but the lads said they trusted me and the management trusted

"Hutchings and Rutherford are two big players in this league, but they didn't score against me and I'm over the moon about that.

'The goal that did go in was quite a lucky one. The ball bounced around a bit when the cross came in, I got a touch on it, but it crept in.

"I'd love to have kept a clean sheet, but a win's a win and I was glad I could play a part.

"We've got Petersfield coming up (home, January 17) and we've got to prove we can beat them as well.

"Winchester are also going to get close to the top and I can only think that when we play them it's going to be massive."

In his early teens Nicholson was part of the Pace Youth and AFC Totton under-16 set-ups.

He switched to Eastleigh for a year and then returned 'home' to Totton & Eling and AFC Totton before getting the call from Blackfield earlier

this term.
"I wanted to get a bit more first-team exposure and Robbo (Robson) needed a 'keeper as cover for Gareth Barfoot," Nicholson explained. "When Barfs went (to Winchester

City), Scott O'Rourke came in.
"I enjoy working with Scotty and VJ, our goalkeeping coach, and having the likes of (ex-Saint and B&L skipper) Kev Gibbens playing in front of you takes a lot of pressure off your shoulders. I don't think Kev's missed one header when

I've played behind him. He's a good leader and he reads the game so well.

"Kev gives me a lot

encouragement and if he there's something I can improve on, he'll take me aside and have a chat. Being young, I don't want people knocking my confidence and every-one at Blackfield is so sup-

"Robbo and (assistant boss) Chris Farrell are first people to praise me. I like working with Robbo, he's a really nice guy on top of

INSPIRATION:

Nicholson turns 18 later this month and the former Hounsdown School pupil has a wise head on young shoulders.

He captains Brockenhurst College's first team and, along with Tom Coffey and Lewis Noice, coaches the under-eight to under-15 goalkeepers at Eastleigh's academy.

"I've got my coaching badges and it's good to get out and do it," said Nicholson, who comes from goalkeeping stock.

"My grandad, Pete Furmidge, was also a 'keeper and was quite well known on the Isle of Wight, playing for Cowes, Ryde and Newport. It was

back in the days of leather lace-up footballs and no goalkeeping gloves!"
While Nicholson's grandad takes some of the credit for inspiring his passion for goalkeeping, a Saint has also played a part.

"When people ask who's inspired you, goalkeepers usually say someone like Gordon Banks or ter Shilton, ne, it's Kerv. Davis," he said. "I was a St "I's season-"ar and Peter Shilton but, for

when I watched Kelvin in goal for Saints I wanted to play like play him. He's someone

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B&L BACKED FOR LEAGUE HONOURS BY TITLE RIVALS

Wendy Gee

FOR much of this season it has looked as if the Sydenhams Premier winners' trophy could be heading down Portsmouth way for the first time since Gosport Borough were crowned champions 2006/07.

It would still take a brave person to bet against one of the current toptwo of Moneyfields or Petersfield Town lifting their first ever Wessex title, but there's a growing hunch in the Moneys camp that the silver-ware will end up on familiar territo-

Following defeat last Saturday at Blackfield & Langley, Moneyfields boss Miles Rutherford cited John Robson's Watersiders – champions of 2012/13 – and three-time league winners Winchester City as "the best teams we've played", adding "one of them will win the league" "one of them will win the league."

His right-hand man Graeme Gee echoed those sentiments although, on the evidence of Blackfield's commanding 2-1 win over Moneys last Saturday, he reckons the Watersiders will have the edge if they can reproduce that form on a regular basis.

Goals by livewire substitute Ed Zanin and rejuvenated midfielder Liam Green put Blackfield in command against Moneys and, by Rutherford's own admission, the Watersiders easily saw the game out after succumbing to a late strike by defender Jack Lee from Jake

Morgan's deep free kick.

Admitting the Portsmouth visitors had struggled to deal with the big guns in Blackfield's impressive armoury, former Newport IoW and Bashley midfielder Gee said after-wards: "We were real poor today and they were way too good for us.

"A few of our voungsters got exposed today, we got a bit bullied, and our front two (Steve Hutchings and Alfie Rutherford) didn't per-



KEY MAN: Blackfield & Langley's Kevin Gibbens.

form like we'd normally expect. "Blackfield's experienced players

stood up to be counted and the spine of their side looked so strong.

"Kev Gibbens did exceptionally well against our front two, Dan Cann looked strong up front and gave them something to hit, and, just behind him, Liam Green was the player I remember of old.

"Plus their two wide boys, Ekow

Elliott and Danny Young, are a

"Until today I thought Winchester were the best side. On the night they beat us at our place, they were

fully deserving of victory.
"But, based on that performance,
Blackfield are the best team we've

"If they play like that week in, week out, they'll win it, but it's

going to be a close-run thing and I still think Petersfield are in with a very good chance."

Blackfield's assistant boss Chris Farrell knows exactly what it takes to win the Wessex title having been part of Ashley Vickers' management team that led the Watersiders to glory two seasons ago.
Asked if there were similarities

between then and now, he said: "I think there are lots of comparables to Ashley's side, but probably the biggest difference now is that we haven't got a 22-man squad. "Back then it was a two-horse race

between us and Alresford, but there are more sides involved this time.

"Last season Petersfield beat us in the FA Cup as a Division One side and I said at the time that if they were to come up and add one or two, they would surprise a few peo-ple. They're fit, they work hard,

ple. They re fit, they work hard, they've got good players and an effective system of playing." Reflecting on third-placed Blackfield's win over Moneyfields, Farrell added: "We're delighted that the players responded to what we asked them to do.

"John (Robson, manager) and I came up with a game plan to nullify Moneyfields' front two and it

worked.
"They hardly got a shot on target which can't have happened too many times this season.

"Lots of our players had their best game of the season today.

"Dan Cann was probably our man of the match, he was outstanding, but a mention too for young goal-keeper Jack Nicholson who only found out he'd be playing at 2.30pm in place of (the unwell) Scott O'Rourke.

"The good thing for us is that Joe Byrne is only two or three weeks away from fitness and, in our opinion, he's the best defender in the league. No disrespect to the other lads who've been playing back there, but he'll come straight back into the side.'

The Watersiders will however. have to cope without winger Danny Young who bowed out with a dislocated shoulder after half-an-hour against Moneys.



Gos lose way in red mist MIKE Carter was one of two Gosport Borough players sent off on a rare bad day at the office for the Vanarama Conference South club at St Albans City last week.

Defender Lee Molyneaux was the first to get his marching orders in last Sunday's 2-1 defeat, shown a straight red for a rash challenge early in the second half with the score at 1-1.

Ex-Sholing midfielder Carter, pictured below, followed him down the tunnel late on after picking up a second yellow as Borough chased the game. Justin Bennett had given

Gosport hope, cancelling out

Lee Chappell's opener for Saints with his 26th goal of the season on the stroke of half-time. **But, following** Molyneaux's dismissal for a

late tackle on St Albans' livewire 17-year-old substitute Jack Green, Gosport succumbed to Omar Beckles' 58th-minute winner.

The defeat dropped Gosport out of the play-off positions into eighth spot.

Neighbours Havant & Waterlooville moved above Alex Pike's men by beating Hayes & Yeading 4-2 at Westleigh Park.

Ben Wright, the Hawks' recent signing from Eastleigh, rounded off victorv after defender Dan Strugnell and Bradley Bubb (2) had given them the upper

Havant this week made an improved £7,000 bid for prolific ex-Saints striker Matt Paterson of Gosport who have, in turn, accused the Hawks of trying to "unsettle" the club.

Utd deal for Hants ace HAMPSHIRE-born Rowan Vine has signed for Eastleigh's Vanarama Conference rivals Welling United.

The 32-year-old striker, whose former clubs include Portsmouth, Luton, Birmingham and QPR, has been a free agent since leaving Scottish side Greenock Morton at the end of last sea-

Vine, who hails from Basingstoke, was this week awaiting international clear-

Howard heroics not enough to halt Rams march to top

PETERSFIELD Town moved top of the Sydenhams Premier pile on Tuesday – despite a magnificent show of defiance from Alresford Town's John Howard.

Town's John Howard.

The Magpies' goalkeeper had a hectic evening at Arlebury Park, making a smart double save from Danny Boyle and Ed Dryden before miraculously dealing with Andy Todd's dangerous diagonal

cross to keep the scoreline goal-less at half-time. But, with little more than a

minute of the second period gone, Alresford's defence was finally breached when a left-wing corner caused havoc in the home area and the predatory Warren Hunt was on hand to stab the ball home. Howard – brother of Eastleigh's new signing Brian – then made

another heroic save to limit the damage before Alresford enjoyed their best spell of the game.

Harry Draycott volleyed over, Tom Donaldson had a drive blocked and Dan Strange and Joe Griggs posed a growing threat out wide.

But Petersfield were always a menace on the break and, on 74

minutes, Todd chased a long ball forward and crossed low for ex-

Portsmouth, Sholing and Moneyfields marksman Hunt to bury his second of the game.

bury his second of the game.
The victory moved the Rams two
points clear of Moneyfields at the
top with a game in hand.
Martin Beck's Alresford, meanwhile, have hit a sticky patch, having not registered an SWL point
since their 1-1 draw at Bemerton
on November 29.

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Non-league ROVERS RETURN SATISFIE

Ex-Tyro starlet happy with Swindon debut

FORMER Southampton Tyro League starlet John Swift felt he had a "good debut" for Swindon Town in a 2-2 draw at Fleetwood last Saturday.
The 19-year-old ex-Pace Youth and

Chandler's Ford Tornadoes midfielder has joined the Robins on loan from Chelsea for the rest of the season.

He was named in the starting line-up at Fleetwood's Highbury Stadium just a matter of hours after his move from Stamford Bridge had been rubberstamped.

Swift, pictured below, made an instant impact for his new club in Lancashire, skipping past five Fleetwood defenders before being brought down to win a first-half penalty which Michael Smith failed to con-

The young Robins slipped 2-0 into arrears before late goals from Andy Williams and Louis Thompson bagged

them a share of the spoils, moving them top of League One on goal difference from Bristol City.

Satisfied with his first showing in a Swindon shirt, Swift - a box-tobox midfielder in the Frank Lampard mould

- expects to settle into Town's freeflowing style in no time at all.
"I think it was a good debut, to be

honest," he said.

"I got the late call that I was coming up to loan and that I was starting and I was just looking forward to it really.

"I'd only had two sessions with the team, but I know three of the boys from England Under-19s - (Saints loanees) Jack Stephens and Jordan Turnbull and (Norwich loanee) Harry Toffolo - so I got along with them

straight away.

"The lads have been great to me and just made me feel welcome, so I'm

enjoying it.
"The football here is really good to

play.
"To play football from the back to the front is great. We do it at Chelsea, so

I'm sure I can get into it."
Portsmouth-born Swift, who lived in Gosport until the age of 16, penned his first professional contract for the Blues in 2012.

He was an integral part of the Chelsea side that won the Barclays Under-21 Premier League last term and impressed in the UEFA Youth

Swift has represented England from under-16 through to under-20 level and his eye-catching form was rewarded when Jose Mourinho handed him his first-team debut at Cardiff City on the final day of the 2013/14 Premier League season.

This is his second loan spell of the current campaign, having already spent a short time at Rotherham United.

Wendy Gee NON-LEAGUE REPORTE

STUART Fleetwood admitted he had been thirsting to play up front again after leaving **Eastleigh to join his old club Forest Green** Rovers on loan for the rest of the season.

The Welsh marksman is something of a legend at The New Lawn having struck 36 goals for FGR during an incredible 2007/08 campaign and earning himself a move Charlton Athletic.

He marked his return to Nailsworth last Sunday by coming off the bench for the last quarter of an hour against Welling and joining Kurtis Guthrie as part of the front two.

FGR were 3-1 up at the time and Fleetwood played his part in crowning victory, setting up James Norwood for goal number four

Speaking after the game, Fleetwood said the loan deal had gone through in under 24 hours.

"It all happened pretty quickly.
"The manager at Eastleigh (Richard Hill) rang me and said a club were interested in taking me on loan – not Forest Green, so obviously I won't name

SCEPTICAL

"I was a little bit sceptical because it was quite far away – a league down as well.

"So I said if I can make a few phone calls and speak to a few people, can I go on loan? They said 'yeah' and it was all pretty much done in less than 24 hours.

'It is no secret that I only live down the road, so it was ideal.

'Apart from Gloucester City, this is my local club. I had a great season here and really enjoyed

Speaking of his burning desire to play up top – a luxury Eastleigh couldn't afford him – Fleetwood said: "I want to play up front. It's my natural position and I think it's where I operate best.

"I've made no secret, it's probably why the move from Eastleigh came about. "I was desperate to play up front and when Ady

(Pennock, FGR boss) said he wanted me as a striker my eyes lit up. That's where I am at my most productive, so I'm buzzing."

Eastleigh caused a major stir in non-League circles when they snapped up former Charlton forward Fleetwood following his release from Luton two summers ago and his silky skills have lit up the Silverlake Stadium ever since.

He helped the Spitfires to promotion as 2013/14 Conference South champions but, whereas last season they could afford to give him a "free role", manager Hill said that had not been possible against superior opposition in the Vanarama Conference.

"Fleets has come on and done everything we've asked him to do, but we've changed the shape of the team a little bit and standing on the right or left as a midfield player is not how he

made his name," he said. "He wants to play as a forward.

"He's not been a regular in the side for the last couple of months and felt it might have been time to freshen himself

up at another club.
"He's gone on loan until the end of the season and who knows what could happen in that respect.

lives Gloucestershire and it's an opportunity to



LOAN MOVE: Stuart Fleetwood, centre, has rejoined Forest Green Rovers.

go back to a club that's close to him and the club where he made his name.

"His form's been patchy but, give him his due, even when he was disappointed at not playing, he always conducted himself impeccably.

"But he hadn't played as many games as he'd have liked, so we gave him the opportunity to go." Forest Green have also signed former Dorchester defender Charlie Clough from Paul Doswell's Sutton United and ex-Saints Academy midfielder Corby Moore, who has been playing in America.

Clough, 24, joined Sutton in September 2013 and went on to

make 74 appearances for the Us, captaining them to last season's play-off semi-finals.

He bowed out by scoring twice in five minutes last Sunday, but could not ward off a 3-2 defeat at Weston-super-Mare that left Sutton 16th in the table.

DEBUT

With the Us' on-loan defender Harry Osborne recalled by his parent club Charlton on Friday and immediately loaned back out to Welling, Doswell handed a debut to new signing Jamie Collins, pictured left, from Eastleigh.

Like Fleetwood, 30-year-old Collins was a popu-

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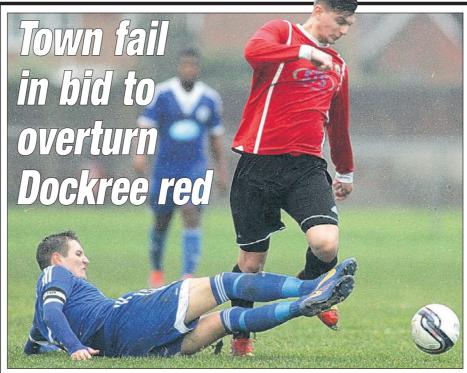


lar member of the Spitfires' promotion-winning side, but the chance of securing an 18-month con

tract at Sutton was too good to turn down.
"I think the world of the bloke, but I've always been up front with players and when Jamie asked me what the possibility was of a contract for next season, I couldn't be 100 per cent sure," said Hill. "Jamie has a wife and three kids and who was I

to stop him securing another 12 months' earnings for him and his family if I wasn't certain of giving him a new deal?

"When players have done brilliant for us, like JC has, we've got to let them maximise their earning



GOING LOW: Andover Town's Toby McCauley (blue) challenges Lymington's Brad Strickland during last weekend's Sydenhams Premier match.

ANDOVER Town failed in their appeal against club skipper Alex Dockree's sending-off at Winchester City.

Much to Dockree and Winchester's Scott Sampson's surprise the pair were both red-carded towards the end of Town's 3-2 win at the Denplan City Ground on December 20.

They walked off the pitch together exchanging looks of bemusement and Dockree was adamant afterwards that, although he had been caught in the face by Sampson's elbow, neither player deserved to be dismissed.

The respective management teams shared that view, prompting Andover to lodge an appeal with the Hampshire FA.

But, as manager Neil Benson reported, it was not successful.

Describing Dockree, pictured right, as a "very professional person of great integrity", Benson said: "We all respect the role referees play. But whilst we appreciate how difficult it is for the man in the middle and do not seek confrontation with the officials and governing body, we felt strongly that a human error had taken place.

"We went to appeal with Hampshire, but it fell on deaf ears and Alex Dockree was given a three-match ban.

With defender Matt Scott also suspended and Jordan O'Donnell and influential player-coach Lewis Benson both struggling with flu, Town were below strength for last Saturday's Sydenhams Premier Division trip to Lymington

They paid the price, a 2-1 defeat at Southampton Road ending their run of four straight league vic-

Two penalties – one given and one not – shaped the mood of the game.

Lymington were awarded theirs when Andover's Ope Aromona was deemed to have

shoved over dual-signed Eastleigh frontrunner Tony Lee and, although 'keeper Jake Wellesley-David guessed the right way, he was beaten by the power of Jake Bockhart's penalty.

Andover felt they too should have had a spot kick for a foul on Akwasi Nyarko-Marfo, but that

shout was waved away.

And although the visitors drew level just before the break when Ike Robertson nodded in from close-range following a corner, they fell back into arrears when, following good work by Bockhart and Tom Man, Brad Stickland prodded home Lymo's second-half winner.

The run had to finish at some point, but we were very disappointed to come away with nothing." Benson admitted.

The game turned on two penalty decisions and I felt the one given against us was harsh. Ope's a big, old lad who put his body in the way and their young lad

went to ground.
"We had decisions go against us that were quite costly, but Lymington worked hard for their win and we underperformed.

Lewis Benson had flu and only came off the bench for the last 15 minutes. Lewis spent seven years with Saints and a year at Chelsea and we miss him when he's not playing because he makes us tick. That showed at the start of the season when he was injured 12 games in a row.

"Every credit to the Lymington players, though, they worked hard for the win and credit also to their staff for getting the game on.

"Whilst it wasn't a great surface, it was one of few games played locally (due to overnight rain). It can be an easy option sometimes to call games

Andover had no scheduled match today and will champing at the bit to get back to winning ways at home to Alresford Town next Saturday (January



Kemp: I hope Robbo makes it

GRAHAM Kemp has paid glowing tribute to Dorchester Town's departed ex-Saint Andy Robinson

The former St Marv's and Bolton Wanderers midfielder, who joined the Magpies on non-contract terms in October, has stepped up a level to join Conference South outfit Gosport

Robinson, pictured below, was pointed Gosport's way by his former Southampton under-18 manager Jason Dodd, who is helping out with training sessions at Privett Park.

Discussing the Bournemouth-born 22year-old, Dorchester boss Kemp said: "Andy is a great lad. There are certain people you hope make it in football and he is one of those because he is a gen-

"I thought we would have him for about a month and we have had him for three months. He is looking to progress his career and move

back up. "Robbo and I knew the score at the start. He has been playing for peanuts and we have had a player of good calibre.

"Jason Dodd was Andy's manager at Saints when he was in the under-18s and made him under-18 captain. He (Dodd) has just gone to Gosport, so it was obviously a no-brainer for him to ring Andy and ask him if he wanted to go there.
"It's the next step up the ladder for

him and he goes with our blessing.

"What I would say is I think it's been an eye-opener for him having played academy football most of his life." Kemp has covered for Robinson's

departure by signing midfielder Lewis Morgan on dual registration from Sherborne Town.

Morgan left the Magpies for Tiverton in October 2013 following cuts to the playing budget, but has been training again with the county town club in recent weeks.

He had been due to feature away to Frome on Wednesday, but that was rained off, leaving Dorchester third to bottom of the Evo-Stik Southern Premier Division.

Dodd, meanwhile, has played down the extent of his and former Saints teammate Paul Williams' involvement at

"People keep coming up to me congratulating me on the new job, but that's

not the case," he clarified.

"It's an informal arrangement. We're not involved on match days, we've just helped out by doing a couple of training sessions as a favour.

"Our involvement came about through my friendship with (Gosport goalkeeping coach) Wayne Shaw, who I know from

our days at Eastleigh.
"We're happy to help out, but that's all it is. We're doing one session a week, but Gosport know that if a job comes up we won't be able to continue."

Non-league Football





Title test for Town **BASINGSTOKE** Town manager Jason Bristow says January's tough run of games will test his in-form side's title credentials.

The Dragons went third in the Vanarama Conference South table after winning all four of their Christmas and new year matches and have games in hand over all the sides around them.

Starting at Eastbourne Borough today, the north Hampshire club face a run of six matches in 27 days, including meetings against the current top two.

The first of those is on Tuesday

when second-placed Bromley visit The Soccer AM Stadium, while Town face a trip to leaders **Boreham Wood** on the final day

of the month. "It's a really huge month and we will know where we stand in terms of what we can achieve this season once January is over," said Bristow, pictured above.

"We want to make sure our game at Boreham Wood at the end of the month is a top-of-the-table clash.

"We need to continue doing what we have been doing, which is defending well and creating a lot of chances, but our next three games are against really good sides."

Basingstoke are currently without captain and centre-back Jay Gasson (broken toe), while ex-Eastleigh and Gosport Borough midfielder Jamie Brown has a groin injury.
The good news, however, is that

strikers Liam Enver-Marum and Manny Williams have recovered from knee problems.

Away day showdowns
WINCHESTER City face two monster away showdowns with Sydenhams silverware rivals Petersfield Town in the space of four intriguing days later this month.

Following Tuesday's 2-1 victory at US Portsmouth, Paul Masters's side will travel to the Rams' Love Lane HQ in the quarter-finals of the Sydenhams League Cup on Tuesday, January 27.

That comes just three days after a massive league showdown between the clubs (January 24) who, going into today's round of matches, were sitting first (Town) and fifth (City) in the Premier Division table.

The Citizens were made to work for their Cup quarter-final berth by Division One outfit US Portsmouth.

Winchester's Zach Glasspool gave the higher league visitors an early lead at the Victory Stadium, but Callum Casson put through his own net to make it 1-1 at the break.

With extra time looming, Dom Cope headed home the winner from a corner before City's Micky Hubbard smacked a potential third against the post.

Wendy Gee

IF Charlie Gunson and Mark Childs get through this weekend's England Schools' under-18 trials at Lilleshall, it will be a major feather in the cap of the Sparsholt College Football Academy.

But, whatever the outcome, the mere the fact that the 17-year-olds have come through three rounds of regional trials to reach the last 32 is a source of great pride for academy manager Neil Benson.

"Having Charlie and Mark selected for the Lilleshall trials sends out a real statement," said the boss.

"It's marvellous for Sparsholt and a big plus for all those connected with Hampshire and Hampshire Colleges forthall" Colleges football.

Catering for 16 to 19-year-olds, the Winchester-based academy aims to develop players' footballing potential while giving them the chance to study for national qualifications in

Alongside his academy duties, the busy Benson also manages Andover Town FC in the Sydenhams Premier Division and oversees the Southampton FC Second

Chance Programme run in the association with the Premier League high-fliers.

Both Gunson and Childs are second-year scholars at Sparsholt and success at Lilleshall would win them a place in the England under-18s squad for the forthcoming schools' international against Northern Ireland to be staged at Eastleigh's Silverlake Stadium

Friday, March 6 (7pm).

That would be just a stone's throw away for midfielder Gunson who lives in nearby Bishopstoke and is part of the Second Chance Programme at Sparsholt.

He has never been on Saints' books officially, but he has played once or twice for the under-17s and trained at Staplewood.

Explaining the Second Chance setup, Benson, pictured right, said: "We've got an elite centre at Sparsholt and we're one of two Second Chance programmes run in



LILLESHALL TRIAL: Sparsholt College Football Academy's Charlie Gunson.

partnership with Saints. The other one is at Bath.

"We'll take scholars who have been released by Saints and not been

picked up by a professional club. "Because of the prestige of being

16 have hit their footballing peak and that 16 to 18 is a key age for development. We see if we can bring them through and send them back to Saints.

"Because we've got residential rooms here, we can also cast our nets further afield. We get quite a few lads from London living

on site at Sparsholt with us and we've also got overseas lads from places like Australia, Ukraine, Slovakia, Ireland and Portugal." Childs, a 6ft 2in goal-

keeper, also lives on site at Sparsholt, although his family are not too far away in Bournemouth.

He almost missed out on the Lilleshall trials when he was rejected at the South West regional trials, but then miraculously earned a reprieve.

"Mark was one of ten 'keepers at the trials and initial-

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through," Benson explained. "He ended up with just a training morning and 20 minutes' game time and, in the first selection, he didn't get chosen. "But subsequently they watched

him play for Andover Town and for Southampton FC (Sparsholt) in the Conference Youth Alliance on Wednesdays and I got a call to say he was being monitored.

"They weren't happy with the 'keepers they'd initially looked at and Mark got a reprieve."

Tickets for the England Schools v Northern Ireland

Schools under-18 international at

Eastleigh FC go on general sale from Monday, February 9, priced £8 seats (concessions £5) and £5 standing (concessions £3). Spitfires season-ticket holders will have the oppor-tunity of purchasing their usual place.

Further informa-tion on the March 6 match is available from David Lailey on 01256 881517 or at *mjlai*ley@btinternet.com.

There is an opportunity for match sponsor-ship and pro-gramme advertis-

"Having Charlie and trials sends a real statement

involved with a club like Southampton, quite a few 16-year-olds get other opportunities in the football pyramid

"But if any of them want to retain their link with Saints, they can come to Sparsholt or Bath and it gives them the opportunity of hav-

ing Saints monitor them.
"As and when appropriate, our lads will go and train with Saints under-18s with (manager) Anthony Limbrick and his staff

"We recognise that not all boys of

Cornick joins Sydenhams League's pro elite

THE Sydenhams League have congratulated Harry Cornick for adding his name to the elite band of ex-Wessex players to progress into the Football League.

AFC Bournemouth's former Christchurch winger

joins QPR's Charlie Austin (ex-Poole Town), Eastleigh's former Port Vale left-back Michael Green (ex-Christchurch and Brockenhurst) and Cardiff City goalkeeper Simon Moore (ex-Brading Town) in making the rise from Step 5 into professional action.

Cornick's reward for his eye-catching progress with the Cherries' development squad was to go on as a 71st-minute substitute in

last Saturday's 5-1 FA Cup romp at Rotherham. It was the 19-year-old's first professional start following loan spells with Conference clubs Welling United and Aldershot Town and came less than two years after his last match for Christchurch in April 2013. Bournemouth boss Eddie Howe, who spotted the for-mer Poole Grammar School

pupil after reading about his exploits with Priory in the Pink's sister paper The (Bournemouth) Daily Echo, said: "We have been pleased with Harry.

"He is a young player who has had a really fast rise in the game when you consider he was playing for Christchurch not so long

ago.
"The coaches have worked really hard with him behind the scenes for a while and he is improving all the time.

"He has the raw ingredients that make an exciting player – pace, an eye for goal and an ability to beat

players.
"I felt he deserved his

opportunity and thought he did well when he came on. "I wouldn't involve people who I didn't think had a chance to make an impact

at first-team level.
"I thought it was a good opportunity to give him that experience of being exposed to the first team. He deserved his place on the bench for what he has been doing in development games and in training."



LEAGUE ACTION: Harry Cornick.

Non-league Football



GOSNEY MAGIC HELPS STAGS CONJURE UP COMEBACK WIN



MIKE Gosney didn't score for **AFC Totton against Didcot Town** on Tuesday.

But the on-loan Gosport Borough wing wizard worked his magic as Stags miraculously formed a 3-1 interval deficit into a 5-3 victory against the Oxfordshire promotion chasers.

Talk in the Testwood Stadium clubhouse at half-time was about "damage limitation" against a third-placed Didcot side whose 17match unbeaten run in the Southern One South & West stretched back to August.

But, despite Totton's first-half shortcomings, the positive message in the home dressing room from manager Steve Riley was that a quick Stags reply after the break would shake the visitors up.

"There were a few harsh words," the boss admitted. "I told the lads that we'd seen the best of Didcot, but they hadn't seen the best of us.
"To be honest, I think we gave

Didcot too much respect in the first half. We gave them too much space and time on the ball and didn't defend well enough. For their third we played a bad back pass straight

into the striker's path.
"We didn't play last Saturday, so we had fresh legs and I told the lads to go out and show what they were made of and we were a different animal after the break. The difference was unbelievable."



IMPACT: Mike Gosney, right, has impressed since returning to AFC Totton.

It was Gosney who had made that wayward pass for the Railwaymen's third - but how he made amends!

After a reasonably quiet first half, the returning fans' favourite upped the tempo and on 54 minutes he

whipped in an inviting cross which Stuart Mott headed powerfully home

Two minutes later, Gosney was at it again, getting down the left and sending in another wicked delivery

that Zac Mouland duly buried from inside the six-yard box to level 3-3. Totton didn't stop there.

On 67 minutes Mouland drove towards the angle of 18-yard box and let fly with a sweet shot into the bottom corner to send a stunned 247 crowd into raptures.

"We slowed the game down at 4-3 and frustrated them and Didcot ended up arguing among them-selves," said Riley. "Our lads showed a bit of maturity in the way they managed the game.

"We delayed them, we snuffed out (dangerman) John Mills, everyone looked solid and our fitness levels were good."
The Stags kept one last trick up

their sleeve for the 87th minute when another Didcot attack broke down and Craig Feeney burst away to grab his second goal of a quite incredible evening with a cool finish on the break.

"When we play like that we're a force to be reckoned with," smiled

'Craig Feeney was a thorn in Didcot's side and Gosney brings quality to the team.

'Didcot did well in the first half to stop our threat but they couldn't do anything about it in the second half.

American midfielder Kyle O'Brien made a second-half appearance off the bench, but it might have been his last game for Totton – at least for the time being.

"Kyle's had to go back to the States to sort out his visa, work per-mit etc, but hopefully we'll get him back," said Riley.
"He's a nice lad and I thanked him

for all he's done for the club. We'll see where we go from here.'

Non-league

Luke-ing good for Royals

AFC PORTCHESTER became the first club to progress to the semi-finals of the Sydenhams League Cup on Tuesday.

The Royals cruised past Newport IoW 5-1, fuelled by a Luke Sweeney hat-trick, a Craig Hardy header and a sublime overhead kick from Jamie Musselwhite, pictured below, two minutes from time.

Newport had briefly come into the tie when Scott Jones wiped out Sweeney's opener for a 34th-minute equaliser, but the Islanders were well beaten on the night.

Paying tribute to a "powerful" Portchester performance, director of football Mick Jenkins said: "I feel beating a good side like Newport makes a bit of a statement and sets us up nicely for the second half of

the season.
"A top-six finish and some silverware would make it a successful season for us."

The cup victory crowned a good week for former Winchester,

Follands and Blackfield targetman Musselwhite who was also on target in last Saturday's 1-1 Premier Division draw at Bemerton Heath Harlequins.

Jack Slade put the Wiltshire hosts ahead in the 35th minute and it stayed that way until late in the game when Musselwhite found the top cor-

Portchester were indebted to some fine saves from young goalkeeper Lloyd Thomas for keeping them in the game, but Bemerton were also their own worst enemies, passing up a number of gilt-edged openings.

'We created enough chances to win three games but unfortunately failed to take advantage of our dominance," rued Heath boss Ian Chalk.

'But at least we staved in control for the whole game which was pleasing to see for

On Tuesday it took a penalty shoot-out (3-1) for Bemerton to eliminate Baffins Milton Rovers from the Russell Cotes Cup after it had finished 3-3 in normal time.

LOCAL AND NATIONAL FOOTBALL FIXTURES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, January 12 SKY BET FOOTBALL LEAGUE League 1: Coventry v Swindon. BARCLAYS U21 PREMIER LEAGUE Division 1: Fulham U21 v Southampton U21 (7pm).
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Premier Division: Team Calant US

Tuesday, January 13

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Premier: Dartford v FC Halifax.
South: Basingstoke Town v Bromley, Bath City v
Famborough, Staines v Gosport Borough.

Farnborough, Staines v Gosport E EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE Premier Division: Chippenham v Dorchester, Hungerford v St Neots, Poole Town v Burnham, Weymouth v Paulton

Rovers.

Division One South & West: Bridgwater v Merthyr Town,

Division One South & Didcot v Shortwood, Stratford v

Clevedon. SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier Division: AFC Portchester v Folland Sports,
Bournemouth Poppies v Hamworthy Utd, Moneyfields v
Verwood, Newport IoW v Winchester City, Petersfield v

Williams SWL Cup, quarter-finals: Bemerton HH v Ringwood, Horndean v Blackfield & Langley.
WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

Wyvern Shield, league phase: A. Dorchester Town v Downton.

Third round replays: Bradford v Millwall, Ipswich v SAINTS (7.45pm), Tottenham Hotspur v Burnley.

EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Premier Division: Corby v Biggleswade, Frome v

SALISBURY HOSPITAL CUP

Amesbury v Laverstock & Ford.

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

Premier Division: Wimborne Town v Ringwood.
Division One East: Alton Town v Folland Sports.
Division One West: Hythe & Dibden v Lymington Town.
Wyvern Shield, league phase: B. Fareham Town v AFC
Totton.

Thursday, January 15 BARCLAYS U21 PREMIER LEAGUE Round of 16: SAINTS U21 v Norwich U21 (7PM).

Friday, January 16 SKY BET FOOTBALL LEAGUE League 1: Preston v Leyton Orient. League 2: Cheltenham v Morecambe.

Saturday, January 17 (FL games 3pm ko unless stated otherwise) BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

Aston Villa v Liverpool, Burnley v Crystal Palace, Leicester v Stoke, Newcastle v SAINTS (5.30pm), QPR v Man Utd, Swansea v Chelsea, Spurs v Sunderland. SKY BET FOOTBAL LEAGUE Chambionshin: Righters v Terriff v Terriff

SKY BET FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Championship: Brighton v Brentford, Derby v Nottm
Forest (12:15pm), Fulham v Reading, Leeds v
Birmingham, Middlesbrough v Huddersfield, Millwall v
Ipswich, Norwich v Cardiff, Rotherham v Boumemouth,
Sheff Wed v Bolton, Watford v Chartlon, Wigan v
Blackburn, Wolverhampton v Blackpool.
League 1: Colchester v Walsall, Doncaster v Barnsley,
Fleetwood Town v Oldham, Gillingham v Coventry, Miton
Keynes Dons v Sheff Utd, Notts County v Crewe, Port
Vale v Peterborough, Rochdale v Crawley Town,

v Bradford.

League 2: AFC Wimbledon v Carlisle, Bury v Wycombe,
Cambridge Utd v Newport County, Mansfield v Exeter,
Northampton v Dag & Red, Oxford Utd v Southend,
Plymouth v Luton, Portsmouth v Burton Albion,
Shrewsbury v Hartlepool, Tranmere v Accrington Stanley,

York v Stevenage. BARCLAYS U18 PREMIER LEAGUE Southern Division: SAINTS U18 v West Ham U18 (noon). VANARAMA FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

Premier: Grimsby v Barnet, Altrincham v Torquay, Braintree v Forest Green, Dover v Dartford, FC Halifax v Eastleigh, Kidderminster v Macclesfield, Lincoln v Eastieight, Nidoerminister v Macciesheid, Eincom v Aldershot, Nuneaton v Gateshead, Southport v Chester, Welling v Alfreton, Woking v Bristol Rovers, Wrexham v AFC Telford.

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South: Basingstoke Tn v Gosport Borough, Bath City v Staines, Hemel Hempstead v Farnborough, Maidenhead v Bishops Stortford, St Albans v Concord Rangers, Sutton v Ebbsfleet, Wealdstone v Chelmsford, Weston-S-Mare v Eastbourne Borough, Whitehawk v Bromley.

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Redditch, Slough v Weymouth, St Neots v Biggleswade.

Division One South & West: Bashley v North Leigh,
Bishops Cleeve v Mangotsfield, Bridgwater v Larkhall,
Clevedon v Merthyr Town, Didcot v Taunton, Fleet Town
v Wantage, Sholing v Shortwood, Swindon Supermarine
v Evesham, Tiverton v Cinderford, Wimborne v AFC
Totton, Yate v Stratford.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier Division: AFC Portchester v Totton & Eling,
Andover Town v Alresford, Bemerton HH v Moneyfields,
Blackfield & Langley v Petersfield, Bournemouth Poppies

v Horndean, Brockenhurst v Folland Sports, Christchurch v Verwood, Hamworthy Utd v Newport IoW Whitchurch v Fareham, Winchester City v Lymington Tn. Division One: Andover New Street v Downton, Cowes Sports v Ringwood, Fleet Spurs v Romsey, Hythe & Dibden v Amesbury, Pewsey Vale v New Milton, US Portsmouth V past Cowes Virs Portsmouth v East Cowes Vics.

PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE

PEHPL Cup, quarter-final: Cadnam v Clanfield. Senior Division: Baffins Milton Rovers v Colden Common, Bush Hill v Winchester Castle, Fleetlands v Hedge End Rangers, Liphook v Locks Heath, Paulsgrove v Overton, QK Southampton v Clanfield (provisional), Stockbridge v Liss.

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Combination: Clanfield v Fleetlands, Hedge End Rangers v Headley Utd., Liss v AFC Stoneham, Winchester Castle v OK Southampton.
SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR CUP
Quarter-finals: AFC Stoneham v Winchester City Res, Netley Central v Hamble Club Res, Otterbourne v Hamble Club, Team Solent v Braishfield.

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ALDERSHOT INTERMEDIATE CUP

Semi-final: Headley Utd v Frimley Select. NORTH HANTS SENIOR CUP

Semi-finals: Broughton v Andover Lions, Overton Utd Res v Tadley Calleva A. WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

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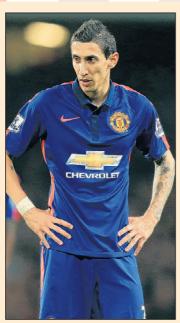
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Sat 20 Swansea	W 1-0	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida*	Bertrand	Cork**	Schneiderlin	W-Prowse***	Tadic	Long	Pelle	Gardos*	S Davis**	Wanyama 1***
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Sat 25 Stoke	W 1-0	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Alderweireld	Bertrand	Cork*	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Tadic	Mane 1	Pelle	Wanyama*	Gardos**	
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ANGEL DI MARIA

Can Ryan bedevil **United's Angel?**

ANGEL Di Maria is British football's £60m record signing - but tomorrow he comes up against a man who has helped Southampton fans completely forget about Luke Shaw.

After Shaw joined Manchester United for around £27m last summer, new Saints boss Ronald Koeman went out and brought in Chelsea's Ryan Bertrand as Shaw's left back replacement.

Bertrand has only missed one Premier League game so far during the south coast club's astonishing season which will take them into third place if they can win at Old Trafford tomorrow.

Di Maria could line up at right wing back against Saints, meaning the former Real Madrid man could be coming up against Bertrand.

Di Maria is obviously a threat going forward, scoring three league goals so far and providing six assists.

But how will the Argentinian react when his defensive abilities are called into question when Bertrand attacks.

Bertrand has already scored twice in the Premier League this term - having never previously netted at all in the top flight at Chelsea and Aston Villa.

He has also provided two assists, which is one more than Shaw provided during his last season at St Mary's in 2013/14!

Shaw has played in nine Premier League matches under Louis Van Gaal, and is still waiting for his first goal and first assist.

In a short space of time, Bertrand has got Saints fans asking 'Luke who?' and tomorrow he could make the same supporters remark of United's £60m record buy 'Angel who?'



RYAN BERTRAND

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JACK STEPHENS	0	0	0	0	0(1)	0	JAMES WARD-PROWSE	7(3)	0	3	0	40(33)	1							

KEY: LA: league appearances. LG: league goals. CA: cup appearances. CG: cup goals. CSA: career Saints appearances. CSG: career Saints goals.

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Non-league Action

Brock star's City return

BROCKENHURST'S leading marksman Daryll Phillips has left Grigg Lane and gone back to Winchester City.

City. Phillips – scorer of 13 Sydenhams Premier/League Cup goals for Brock this season – told manager Pat McManus that he needed a break from football and then asked permission to play some games for Winchester's reserves.

"It's a strange one," said McManus. "Daryll said he'd lost the buzz for football and could he have two or three weeks off and I'm of the mindset that when a player asks that, he might as well have the rest of the season off! That's when I signed Martin Warren from Hamworthy.

"Daryll's best pals with Winchester's reserve team manager and asked if he could play a couple of games for them.

"I got a call from (Winchester director of football) Dave Malone who was concerned I'd be offended, but I told him Daryll had got the green light from me and, if it tidied things up at their end, they may as well sign him on first-team forms too.

too.
"How much football he'd get for Winchester's first team I don't know. He didn't get much of a chance under (previous managers) Tim Cole and Danny Robinson."

Brock's recent arrival, midfielder Rich Bridle from Totton & Eling, is approaching full fitness after a minor knee operation, while Tom Hill and Jacques Bernard have turned down approaches from Blackfield & Langley and Bashley respectively.

Goalkeeper-wise, the Badgers have dualsigned Poole Town's Brazilian newcomer Vinicius Marquez de Salve as cover for Sam Cousins, who sits out a two-match suspension after being sent off against Christchurch.

Vanarama Conference Premier Division: Eastleigh 4 Lincoln City 0

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NON-LEAGUE REPORTER

EASTLEIGH powered into the Vanarama Conference play-off zone with a 4-0 home win over Lincoln City this afternoon – and they could have had seven!

Unbelievably the Spitfires missed three penalties by three difference players against the ten-man Imps, who had Jon Nolan sent off after just 19 minutes of a surreal afternoon at the Silverlake.

Spitfires manager Richard Hill made two changes to the side that started last weekend's 2-0 defeat by Altrincham, bringing Will Evans and new signing Brian Howard into the starting line-up in place of Craig McAllister and the suspended Michael Green.

Lincoln's attacking intentions were evident from the off and they took the game to Eastleigh tussling them out of possession and stretching them with their pace.

The visitors, buoyed by a run of three

The visitors, buoyed by a run of three straight league wins, forced a couple of early corners, their best effort played short in the tenth minute with Sean Newton exchanging passes with Jon Nolan on the right before aiding an effort towards the far top corner which drifted just over.

Poole referee Chris Powell incurred the wroth of the Eastleigh crowd with a couple of harsh-looking decisions against them when it looked as if it was Jack Midson who had been fouled.

Sarcastic jeers then filled the stadium when Mr Powell finally penalised City's Hamza Bencherif for man-handling James Constable and that heralded a better spell for Eastleigh with Howard fast becoming a focal figure for the home side.

Having had one shot deflected over, Howard played in Ben Strevens who had nipped in behind the defence.

Strevens looked a certain scorer as his shot had keeper Paul Farman beaten, but Bencherif miraculously cleared it off the line.

Howard then delivered a free-kick from the right which Constable headed over before the game exploded to life on 19 minutes as the Imps' Nolan lunged in with a dangerous late challenge on Evans

The Dorset official had no hesitation in producing the red card, leaving the visitors to battle on with ten men.

Evans was able to continue after treatment as an extraordinary half unfolded. Lincoln needed another goal-line clearance to keep the Spitfires at bay, Jake Catrice this time denying Evans before, at the other end, Eastleigh's loan defender Joe Partington took Delano Sam-Yorke's legs from under him on the right corner of the home

The AFC Bournemouth man was booked and Imps skipper Alan Power drilled the free kick into the side net-

Just when the crowd thought they had seen it all, Eastleigh were awarded a 27th minute penalty.



OPENER: Jack Midson puts Eastleigh ahead.

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SPITFIRES POWER INTO PLAY-OFFS



FLASHPOINT: Tempers fray after Eastleigh's Will Evans is fouled by Jon Nolan – the Lincoln player receiving a straight red card. Order no: 30898705

Lincoln were under no particular threat as Constable looked to turn into space just inside the area but Power needlessly brought him down.

Howard, who had looked full of confidence, stepped up to take the box kick, but he turned out to be too clever for his own good, sending an embarrassingly powder-puff effort straight down the middle and into keeper Farman's hands.

An incident packed game lacked only a goal and Midson went close to getting one with a header that flew narrowly off target from Craig Stanley's right-wing cross.

But despite a couple of scary moments from crosses delivered at the other end, the Spitfires kept going and eventually got their rewards with a 39th minute opener.

Again the threat was mounted down the right – Evans delivering the ball low to the near post where MIDSON backheeled it into the net.

Eastleigh then switched the point of attack to the left of the area where Constable slipped the ball into the path of Jai Reason who forced Farman to save low to his left.

Compared to the drama that had gone before the opening to the second-half was reasonably uneventful, but two Eastleigh goals in three minutes soon changed that.

Bencherif's failure to cut out another cross by Evans cost the visitors dear on 54 minutes as CONSTABLE pounced to make it 2-0 from close range.

Then, before the visitors could draw breath, they were undone by another cross, this time Dan Spence's from the left, and MIDSON was there to stab home his second of the game.

With the points seemingly safe, Hill threw on Yemi Odubade and McAllister for Howard and Reason – and still the chances continued to come for the home side.

Before making his exit Reason tested Farman with a well-struck free-kick and twice Constable was blocked out by Farman either side of Craig Stanley's terrific long-range strike which narrowly cleared the bar.

After cooling down briefly the game warmed up a again on the 79th minute when Evans had his run at goal cut short by Newton inside the area and again the referee pointed to the spot.

Midson stepped up this time in search of his hat-trick and, although his penalty was a marked improvement on Howard's earlier attempt, Farman denied him with an excellent save and he firmly pushed the ball away.

Unbelievably the Spitfires were awarded a third penalty of the afternoon on 86 minutes when Charlie Adams brought down substitute Odubade.

The otherwise excellent Evans this time placed the ball on the spot and, to the disbelief of the 1,492 crowd, the defender launched straight into the magnificent new stand behind the far end goal.

There was still time for sub McAllister to crown proceedings, collecting Odubade's pass and slipping the ball past Farman for Eastleigh's fourth a minute into stoppage time.

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Local Cricket Spotlight

TAMNG THE LIONS? THAT'S A NONO...

LESS than six months ago in the cradle of English cricket at Hambledon, Nono Pongolo was successfully plying his trade as an all-rounder for the local village club in the Southern **Electric Premier League.**

He fared pretty well too. Some 513 runs, scored mainly on a testing Ridge Meadow surface, and a 30-wicket haul bore the fruit of his labours, writes MIKE VIMPA-

Quite what the Cape Town-raised 25-year-old all-rounder has in mind for summer 2015 in England is uncertain just now.

But earlier this week his name popped up in somewhat improbable circles – playing for a Gauteng Invitation XI against the England

Lions in Soweto.

Whilst a lop-sided game was really all about the Lions, Pongolo certainly caught the eye – as some of his past team-mates at Ventnor (2008/9) and Hambledon probably

expected he might.
As the Lions built a formidable 443 all out, Nono produced a handy 3-70 return with the ball – taking the wickets of Hampshire's James Vince, Adil Rashid and Liam Plunkett - and then, with Gauteng wobbling at 104-6, scored 30 with

swinging seamers as Adam Lyth and Sam Robson (1 0 6) retired with unbeaten centuries b e f o r e Yorkshire's highly rated Alex Lees weighed in with 85. Nono impressed Middlesex opener Robson, w h o made against Lanka in one his seven Test appearances for England sum-"He was decent, a guy you had to

wheeled away

watch carefully.

LEAP: Nono Pongolo makes a great catch in the Southern Electric Premier League Tewnty20 Cup Final.

His figures of 3-70 off 22 overs is a testament of how well he bowled, Robson said.

So what did Pongolo make of pitting his skills against an England side captained by Jonathan Trott and playing with the three lions on his shirt for the first time since last winter's ill-fated Ashes in

"T've never really concerned myself about the level I'm playing in, it's more about my game, my strengths and weaknesses and being patient," he explained. "In reality, though, the gap is big,

but I guess, I'm lucky I can adapt. In

South Africa, you get to face quicker bowlers on harder decks a lot more regularly than in the UK and for me, that's the real test of your game and character.
"You have to adapt, especially for

someone of my pace. We also played the Lions on a flat, slowish wicket, so my margin for error was even

smaller against them.
"These guys knew their games so well. If you bowled in their areas, you got punished. They all wait for you to bowl in their zones, that's the

"They're very patient, slowly sucking the bowler into their zones. The other, was watching someone like Jonathan Trott (in the second innings) play exactly the same way he would bat in a Test match, but in a lower level. It was like watching a Test match. From start to the end he never changed his game. He's a class act!

"Adam Lyth looked a great batsman, Robson knew his game so well and Lees was good, with the aura of Trott" Trott.

But what about getting Hampshire's James Vince out in the Lions' first

"He got himself out I would say. It as a nothing ball really, out side offstump,



WICKET: James Vince.

a bit of extra bounce I would say.

"James was may be eager to score but didn't execute well. I would take it though, I know he's a serious player. It was unlucky for him, but he'll come again, for sure."

And how did Nono Pongolo enjoy the experience of batting against the England attack?

"Durham's Mark Wood, who got me out in the first innings, is a serious prospect, probably their quickest bowler in those conditions,

"He was very skiddy and posses a mean bouncer. You want to go for-ward every ball for him, but you still need to watch out for that bouncer. I would say he's perfect for Paarl, where the first unofficial First Test against South Africa A starts tomorrow.

Pongolo's first taste of action with the bat came against Liam Plunkett and Boyd Rankin.

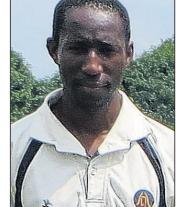
"You play the person bowling at you and unfortunately for me, it was Plunkett and Rankin upfront,"

was runket and Kankin upfront, he smiled. "The couple of balls felt surreal they're bowling to you – there was-n't a lot of foot-work!

"After a couple of balls of getting behind the ball, the belief started coming back.

"Liam bowled a bouncer that I ducked under and the next ball, he decided to come around the wicket

'When he banged one short again and I smashed it for four, and hearing him say 'shot' ... the belief shot



CRADLE OF CRICKET: Nono Pongolo lining up for Hambledon.

"But, I was brought back to earth, having to face Rankin. First couple of balls again, the feet were anchored. After getting behind a couple of balls, he gave me a bit of width and I cut it for four ... confidence was sky high again.

"You start to feel it's normal fac-

ing them ... just watch the ball.
"But all-in-all, I thoroughly
enjoyed the experience and hopefully it's helped my development in South African cricket

"I've earned myself a regular slot in the Gauteng side now, having made a First Class half-century and scored a fifty, so things are going

But will Nono Pongolo be back playing Southern Electric Premier eague cricket this summer?

"Nothing is fixed yet, but I hope to tie a few things up in the next month or so," he said.



CLASS ACT: Jonathan Trott.

WITH THE BAT: Nono Pongolo playing for Ventnor. Picture: Trevor Phillips

KP: England players jealous of IPL contract

ENGLAND exile Kevin Pietersen has once again criticised his former international colleagues, suggesting he was the victim of professional jealousy.

re was the victim or professional jealousy.

The former Hampshire batsman was sacked by England almost a year ago, but has been on hand with regular barbs ever since a confidentiality agreement between the two parties expired.

His explosive autobiography included many unhappy reflections on his international career, not to mention claims of a bullying dressing room culture.

Pietersen,
right, supposedly covets an
unlikely Three
Lions recall but
in an interview
with Australian
media he again
used the chance to
settle scores with his former
teammates.

He claimed his lucrative Indian Premier League contract caused resentment and he prefers playing in the Big Bash League, where many players participate in franchise cricket in other countries.

"There's no jealousy here. That's the fact," he said of life with the Stars.

"None of these guys are jealous of anything. We're just good guys, hanging out and playing cricket. All these guys play in franchises around the world, they've all benefited from the IPL.

"The England lads: too much jealousy. I was the only one profiting – very, very well – out of India, and in an auction, if you don't get picked up, it's pretty demoralising."

I will take on Morgan & Co, says Pietersen

KEVIN Pietersen has offered his services to play against England during their tour of Australia next week.

England are due to face a Prime Minister's XI in Canberra on Wednesday as a warm-up to the tri-series against India and Australia, and Pietersen said he was keen to replace Mike Hussey, who has been forced to withdraw with a calf injury.

"In the Prime Minister's game on Wednesday, Mr Michael Hussey's missed out. Jeez, I fancy that," Pietersen said on the players' mic while playing for Melbourne Stars in the Big Bash. Commentator Adam Gilchrist,

Commentator Adam Gilchrist, the former Australia wicketkeeper, asked: "Are you telling us you're available?"

Pietersen replied: "Mate, I'm always available."

As if to prove a point, Pietersen went on to hit a run-a-ball 49 in his team's nail-biting victory over the Melbourne Renegades. Former Hampshire player Glen Maxwell top scored for Stars with

CRICKET SPOTLIGHT: CARLTON BANK TRI-SERIES PREVIEV

ENGLAND'S TRI-SERIES TALKING POINTS

1. Captain Morgan

After the unseemly 11th hour culling of Alastair Cook on the eve of a World Cup year, England need a strong showing from their chosen successor.

sen successor.
Eoin Morgan's first series as skipper need not end in silverware to be considered a step in the right direction but he must show signs that his side will play a more forthright, enlightened style of one-day cricket.

2. Tough at the top

England's recent ODI history is hardly littered with top-order success stories, but Cook's absence offers another chance to find a suitable opening pairing.

able opening pairing.

Moeen Ali looks a lock, but whether England are ready to gamble on the fireworks of Alex Hales or the more aesthetic Ian Bell as his partner will be instructive.

The series may even offer a head-to-head shootout.



3. Spin class

Tweaker James Tredwell, above, has been one of his country's most consistent one-day performers since – and even for some time before – Graeme Swann's retirement.

But by dropping him during the recent series in Sri Lanka, they betrayed their own fears that he may prove too orthodox to gain traction Down Under.

Yet his record is solid enough to

Yet his record is solid enough to suggest he will be given chances in the Tri-Series to establish his position again.

4. New ball, old stagers

James Anderson and Stuart Broad both skipped Sri Lanka as they continued rehabilitation from injury but will be back on parade against Australia and India.

England's pace reserves are not as plentiful as once thought and the experienced pair stand head-and-shoulders above the rest at present.

How quickly they settle back in to their task could determine their team's prospects.

5. Banish the scars

A little less than a year ago England departed Australia a ridiculed rabble. Whiteswashed in the Ashes and the Twenty20 series and hammered 4-1 in the 50-over format, it was the tour from hell that brought down the curtain on the Andy Flower era in grim fashion

Most of the current 15-man squad played some part in the nightmare Down Under and it remains to be seen how deep the wounds of their previous visit still run.

Only big individual performances or stirring group efforts will help the healing process.



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from James Taylor,

THE JOB: Eoin

Morgan has

inset right.

AGGRESSIVE

"We're all looking forward to playing under him. I know the kind of guy he is, he's a strong guy and I'm sure he'll be a strong leader to

leader too.
"He'll be very similar to the way he bats: exciting and aggressive.

"I have played under him in a couple of ODIs against Ireland and he's a great captain."

Cook might find it hard to share in the sense of enthusiasm as he broods on his axeing and watches the side he led for three-and-a-half years on television.

But with the odds stacked against England in both the Tri-Series and the World Cup, the 15-strong squad who began their trip Down Under with a training session in Canberra on Friday cannot afford to ponder their former leader's fate.

CRICKET SPOTLIGHT: CARLTON BANK TRI-SERIES PREVIEW

an ACT XI at the Manuka Oval.





INEXPERIENCED: Alex Hales.

England hoping to upset odds

THE bookmakers call England World Cup 'outsiders', opponents will unanimously declare them 'dark horses' and the buzz phrase within camp is 'underdogs'.

Whichever way you sugar the pill the core message remains the same – one of the biggest, most powerful and best financed countries in cricket are heading into the sport's pinnacle event looking little better than chancers.

Having trusted Alastair Cook to shape the direction and ethos of the side for the last three and a half years, the selectors have taken a screeching U-turn by ditching the batsman in favour of Eoin Morgan.

There's plenty of sound logic in the decision – from Cook's seemingly intractable downward spiral to Morgan's own vivacious one-day mindset – but the timing screams panic.

England are as fond of a four-year plan and a root-and-branch review as most governing bodies in the modern game but at the critical moment they have effectively settled on a gut-feeling gamble.

Yet this month's Tri-Series against Australia and India provides a chance to change the narrative.

narrative.
Should Morgan deliver the bump in form that often comes with a change at the top, things will suddenly begin to appear rosy again.

The Dubliner is guaranteed to send his side out with greater chutzpah and attacking intent than Cook and if he can plot a path to the final in Perth it would be a considerable achievement.

In defeat the likes of Moeen Ali, Alex Hales, James Taylor and Chris Woakes may have looked too inexperienced, drafted too late in the cycle to impose themselves on a World Cup year.
But in victory inexperience

can be recast as freshness, a lack of battle scars, a rush of new blood.

England have left it late and tinkered to the very last in pursuit of a winning formula, but their acclimatisation time Down Under does mean there is just enough time to succeed.

But as ever in sport, there are opponents in the way to scupper the very best of intentions.

And in co-hosts Australia and

And in co-hosts Australia and reigning world champions India, they do not come much tougher.

If this three-way scrap was a

f this three-way scrap was a boxing tournament, it would

be tempting to see it as two prizefighters duking it out with a bar-room brawler. The latter would

have a puncher's chance but no more. So too England in many eyes, with the statistics against often eye-watering. In 2014 Australia played 18 ODIs and

won 13, while England mustered just nine victories from 25 attempts.

India batsman Virat Kohli, pictured, has a personal tally of 21 ODI centuries, where England's squad boasts a combined total of 15.

The flow of the 50-over game, emboldened by the theatrics of domestic Twenty20 competitions headed by the Big Bash and the Indian Premier League, is moving away from English conservatism faster than ever but in the coming weeks there is one last chance to cut the gan

The challenge is to take the outsiders, dark horses and underdogs and recast them as winners. The timescale is roughly four weeks.

Over to you Eoin.



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ITCHEN FALL TO DEFEAT

ITCHEN'S 4-0 defeat by Chichester has flung the **Hampshire Sixth Form Colleges** League championship race wide open.

Chasing a unique sixth straight title, Itchen suffered their first defeat of the season to the West Sussex outfit, writes MIKE VIM-

The result has opened the door for South Downs. leaders Brockenhurst, Barton Peveril and Farnborough to step up their individual claims.

The four colleges all won their first games back after Christmas holiday break.

South Downs, with a handy ninepoint advantage at the top, trimmed Poole Grammar 2-1, while Brock, Barton Peveril and Farnborough all hit the goal trial.

Brockenhurst and Farnborough both hit their opponents for six, while BP trounced Alton 8-0.

But it was Itchen's 4-0 defeat by

Cup Kings

English Schools' FA PlayStation Cup competitions loom large for Kings['] of Winchester next week.

The boys host Little Heath from Reading, on Wednesday, with the girls going into action against Weston-Super-Mare-based Worle Community on Friday. Both ties kick off at

King's boys cup run has produced it's fair share of drama, a one-sided 9-0 win over Bedales preceding a tight 2-1 success at Chichester.

Then followed a 3-2 extra-time win at Petersfield, a penalty shoot-out victory over Ashcombe (after a 1-1 draw), and a 5-2 success against Frome.

The girls team has enjoyed a 32-goal romp into the last 16 of the PlayStation competition 17 of them coming in the first round against Kennett. Kings' followed that win up

with more goals against Wallingford 4-0, Maiden Erlegh 6-0. and Frome 5-2.

■ Wildern will host Noadswood in the Hampshire Schools FA Under-16 Cup quarter-finals later this month.

Kings' entertain Isle of Wight side Carisbrooke, with Bitterne Park drawn away to Salesian, provided they beat Yateley in their delayed third round tie.

Petersfield have a bye.

In the Under-15 county cup, Kings' have a home draw with Fareham-based Cams Hill.

Sholing host Brookfield, with Henry Beaufort drawn away to Bohunt.



FINAL NAIL IN THE COFFIN: Chichester celebrate their fourth goal in the match against Itchen. Pictures: Chris Moorhouse Order no: 30886209

Chichester that had the tongues of local college footballers wagging this week.

The problem local colleges are finding when Chichester pitch up to play is what strength squad they will have available.

They, like Gosport, Portsmouth, South Downs and Sparsholt all have 'first teams' playing regional midweek 'academy' league soccer.

That didn't appear to be the case in midweek when Chichester came to Middle Road with their academy side and won 4-0, Itchen's loss being

compounded by a missed penalty and having a player sent off. Chichester went two-up against the run of play and, as Itchen became frustrated, so chances were missed, including a penalty which had it been converted - would have made things very interesting. Chichester scored again before

half-time, but once they were down to ten men, all hopes of a comeback ended. They ended up 4-0 down.

Table topping South Downs edged a 2-1 win over Poole, who fell behind to an under-hit back pass and were later caught on the break.

'We played well, but couldn't ore," lamented Poole coach Dan Cruchley, whose side hit the bar

before Chris Wilcox pulled a late goal back from a goal-mouth scram-

High scoring Brockenhurst took their season's tally to 67 from eight matches (seven of which they have won) with a 6-0 drubbing of Bournemouth & Poole.

Blustery conditions at the Sailing Centre alongside Langstone Harbour dictated the pattern of play in Farnborough's visit to Portsmouth.

"It was actually quite an even first half in terms of territory with the conditions at times making it diffi-cult for us to get out of our half, but we were dangerous on the break and were 2 up at half time through Cameron Hogg and Sam Pederson," said Boro' coach Alan Reed. With conditions in their favour, Farnborough dominated after half time with the four second half goals coming from Alex Merrifield, James Thomas, Jack Cox and Hogg, who scored his second of the match.

Barton Peveril have a large number of games to make up, but they swelled their goal difference with an 8-0 mauling of Alton, with Ben Gurman 2, Billy Burton 2, Sam Morris 2, Matt Bainbridge, and Will Wiseman on target.



HEADER: Itchen's Matt Hubbard, right, challenges for the ball. Order no: 30886199

Ollie Lerway bagged his first hat-Totton 7-2, were Callum Doyle, Ben Carden Jones, Will Lloyd, and Ray Richardson were also on target.

The remainder of the first team league games were washed out.

The Second XI programme produced a welter of goals – defending champions Peter Symonds beating Totton 7-3, with Mike Olaore notching a hat-trick.

James Burgess, Joe Oliver, Matt Moody and Charlie Bragg were also on target for PSC, who share the leadership with Itchen, who beat Basingstoke 2-0.

The day's highest scorers were Barton Peveril, who dumped Alton 9-2, with hot shot Tom Tuckey helping himself to a hat-trick, alongside strikes by Currie (2), Barnes, Hamilton, Rouse, and Stanbridge. Bay House beat Fareham 7-3 in

their derby, while Brockenhurst edged out Eastleigh 4-3.

In the other games, South Downs beat Poole Grammar 3-2 and Farnborough nailed Portsmouth 7-0.

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Junior Division Five

Brook Park Sports

Eastpoint

Netley Royals	9	8	1	0	32	12	25
Hunters Inn	9	8	0	1	39	4	24
Mottisfont	7	7	0	0	47	6	21
Fawley R.B.L.	8	6	1	1	39	17	19
J.S.C.	10	3	0	7	17	28	9
Sporting Compass	9	2	2	5	17	36	8
A.F.C. Spitfire	8	2	1	5	16	27	7
Unity	8	2	1	5	14	28	7
A.F.C. Phoenix	8	1	1	6	13	30	4
Bannister Park	10	0	1	9	8	54	1

Junior Division Seven

A.F.C. Waterside	10	9	1	0	78	5	28
Portswood United Res.	10	6	1	3	42	24	19
Dorchester Manor	9	6	0	3	40	21	18
A.F.C. Bishopstoke Res.	8	5	1	2	33	16	16
Woodside A.F.C.	10	4	1	5	24	44	13
Lyndhurst Junior F.C.	5	4	0	1	30	8	12
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Chamberlayne Athletic Res	10	2	2	6	15	65	8
A.F.C. Camival	10	2	1	7	16	56	7
Testwood Tornadoes	9	0	1	8	14	52	- 1

■ Tables do not include this weekend's results



ACTION: From Itchen v Chichester.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2015

Tempo Travel City of Southampton Sunday League round-up

BULL ON CHARGE AS HAMBLE Bursledon REACH SENIOR CUP FINAL

HAMBLE Roll Call reached the final of the Hampshire FA Senior Cup with an emphatic 5-1 win over East Christchurch

Folland Sports' Pip Nolan and Matt Burt notched one each, while Brockenhurst and former Sholing player Danny Cox was also on the score-sheet, adding to Ricky Bull's brace.

There was more success for Roll Call as Craig Lyons netted five times as their reserves stormed to a 9-1 Hampshire FA Junior A Cup fourth-round victory over Hedge End Hawks.

Russell Medcalf, Kelvin Kellaway, Nathan Brown and Daniel Diaper completed the rout for the Junior 2

The same side completed a double of cup victories over the festive period with a 2-0 win over Lokomotiv Eastleigh. Medcalf and Lyons were both on target in that DR Ryder Trophy second round

Elsewhere in that competition, Hedge End Athletic, the Junior 3 leaders, beat Itchen Saints 2-1 thanks to Dan Turner and Dean Faithful's goals. Simon Brown replied.

Meanwhile, Chamberlayne Athletic beat lower league opposi-tion AFC Bishopstoke 5-2 in the Southampton Divisional FA Junior A Cup quarter final.

In a clash between the Junior 1 and Junior 3 sides, Alex Bacon netted twice, Mark Farmer, Eammon Claffey and Sam Wyeth hit home one apiece. Scott Bootes and Charlie Pennett-Harris netted one each in reply.

In the Hampshire FA Intermediate Cup fourth round, Titans were put to the sword via a penalty shoot-out against Athletico Balboa. Sam Bessant scored in normal time to level the match. But Adam Richardson, Aiden Reedy and Ranjan Pusparas' spot-kicks weren't enough and the lofty Junior 1 outfit were consigned to defeat.

Junior 5 side Portside thrashed Junior 6 bottom side Bannister Park 4-1 in the Charlie Godden



DOUBLE: Roll Call's Ricky Bull, centre.

Trophy second round.

Murray Purves scored Bannister's consolation as Kevin Baker, Alex Azadegan, Jason McHugh and Josh Medway struck for Port

AFC Bishopstoke Reserves in Junior 7 took King George from three leagues above to extra time in their Charlie Godden tie.

But, in this David v Goliath clash, George scored three goals in extra time to win. Nathan Alexander and Danny Wyatt made it 2-2 at full time, while Mark Phillips's double, David North and Josh Barclay's goal apiece ended any hopes of a

In the other Godden Trophy game Netley Royals, who are top of Junior 6, took Bitterne Ducks, from the league above, right to the last but the Ducks eventually sealed a narrow 2-1 victory in the second Tim Broomfield and Zaine Rashid were on target. Matt Stride struck in the first half for Royals.

Lamb hotshot: Dean hits double hat-trick for AFC Waterside

PORTSWOOD United Reserves obliterated Chamberlayne Athletic Reserves 14-1 in the City of

Southampton Sunday League. Jerome O'Brien and Nathan Jennings hit a hat-trick each, while three players - Shane Weaver, Brandon Shephard and Cameron Roach – all hit a brace. Matt Knight and Luke Mottram scored one each to complete the emphatic

Not to be outdone, Junior Seven leaders AFC Waterside also hit double figures with a 10-0 demoli-

tion of Woodside. Dean Lamb hit an incredible SIX goals, while Michael Bakers hit a treble and Shane Lamb

Elsewhere in the bottom division, AFC Carnival put space between them and Testwood Tornadoes at the foot of the table by beating Netley RBL 4-2. Paul Burdzy netted twice from the penalty spot, while Dan Stockley and James Scott struck one apiece. Adam Sear and Jamie Lockhart replied.
Brook Park Sports are top of

Junior 5 after thrashing Itchen Albion 5-1.

Matthew Devereaux, Aiden Johnson (2), Jack Jewell and Joe Lucas were all on target. Danny Campbell replied.

Title chasers Portswood United kept the pressure on at the top of the division with a 5-0 win over Southampton Seahawks.

Joe Watts hit a hat-trick. Matt Giles and Joe Flood hit the other

Hunters Inn missed the opportunity to go top of Junior 6 as they

slumped to a defeat to Fawley RBL with leaders Netley Royals in cup

The British Legion outfit, who are also eyeing the summit, scored through James Willis and Sean Auger. Jack Solloway replied.

Mottisfont kept their title hopes alive with an 8-1 demolition of AFC

Matt Bosanquet hit four goals, while Tom Munday, Sam Piper, Lewis White and Ross Man were also amongst the goals in the big win. Mike Knott responded.

sink Yacht to go top

AFC Bursledon claimed top spot in the City of Southampton Sunday League Senior Division by winning 3-1 against Yacht Tavern – while title rivals KRL

were defeated.

Darren Nutbeen, Sam White and Stefan Williams all hit the target in the second half after Craig Morey gave Tavern a 1-0 lead at the break.

KRL came undone against fellow high-fliers AFC West End after Keith Bailey struck twice.

In the other game in the Sunday top-flight, rock-bottom Aldermoor United were thrashed 7-1 by Cricketers Arms (Fair Oak).

Liam Harris netted four goals, while Mark Best, Lewis Bennett and Santine Mucci hit one each.

Glen kept the heat on Ice House in Junior 1 with an 8-0 demolishing of bottom side Chartwell Green.

Dan Fry scored a hat-trick, Alex Waterman scored twice, while Dan Sultana, Jack Voller and Ed Stacey hit the other

Previously struggling RS Ocean Village found their stride as they trounced Sky Blue 6-0.

A hat-trick by Brett Hall and goals by Akbar Shah, Louis Cassim and Sam Knight sealed

In the bottom of the table clash, Fleming Sports sealed their first win of the season and leapfrogged Charwell Green Reserves with a 4-0 win in

Ron Hassan hit home twice, Alfie Street and Ben Cluett were also on target.

Young Boys 93/4 won 5-2 in a mid-table match against AFC Velmore thanks to Perry Coombs, Dan Brown, Charlie Hartup and John MacAulay's

goals.
Alex Waldron and Ryan Farrant responded.

Marchwood Rangers continue their domination of Junior 4, beating Carnival UL 4-2. Jay Petty, Matt Petty, Ben Foster and an own goal sealed the win.

Otter Sunday tallied their first point of the season, after eight games, with a 1-1 draw with Durley.

Jamie Blyth was on target and

Tim Hazeldine replied.

Mark Christopher's secondhalf hat-trick completed an
impressive 4-3 comeback win
over Holbury United for AFC Southbrook.

At half-time, Brook were 2-0 down but resurged in the second 45. Pete Burgess scored the

Joshua Bond, Chris Smith and Johnny Phillips had given United that lead.



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Golden haul for city's runners

SOUTHAMPTON AC savoured best-ever Saucony their Hampshire **Cross-Country** Championships, dominating the medal table with a sizeable haul of 20 – nine of them gold.

The senior men repeated last year's team triumph, but this time by the smallest possible margin over Aldershot, Farnham & District.

Individual gold was claimed by Tom Anderson of Winchester & District AC, who was third last year. Matt Revier and Matt Bennett both achieved top-ten placings for Southampton.

Smith, Jim Bennett, Emyr Morgan and Michael Tanner combined to earn the veterans team silver.
Southampton's senior women

Southampton's senior claimed team bronze, led by Ellie Monks and Laura Brenton in seventh and eighth respectively.

Southampton dominated the men's under-20 race, providing seven of the 16 finishers, although there was no beating Aldershot's Matthew Arnold. Stephen Simpson and Abdi Mahamed led the way for the red and white stripes with individual silver and bronze. For the under-20 women,

Southampton's sole competitor Frances Arnott was sixth. Southampton's Mo Mahamed was the class act of the under-17 men's event, winning by a minute and a half from Samuel Maher of Jersey

Spartan. Southampton's victorious under-17 women's team crammed four runners into the top 15 – Alana Spiers (6th), Anna Sharp 10th, Anna Reavey (14th) and Hanna Polden (15th).

Zak Mahamed made it a doubly golden new year for the family by comfortably heading the under-15

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boys' charge. With solid back-up from Patrick Whelan (7th), Max Satterley (10th) and Sean Miller (28th), Southampton's team finished second overall.

Southampton's under-15 girls' team came sixth as did their lead runner Holly Powell.

Yet another team medal came Southampton's way in the under-13 boys' race with Toby Hale (8th), Ben Williams (16th) and Adam Sandison (17th) combining for bronze.

And the under-13 girls did even bet-

ter, collecting both team and individual gold. Izzy Richardson continued her magnificent cross-country form by comfortably claiming the title).

Four of Southampton's under-11 boys' made the top 20 to bag team silver, while Southampton's under-11 girls were also in the medals, collecting individual gold and bronze as well as team gold.

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1	28	Innigo Rogers	Priestlands	14:38
6	29	William Heathcoat	Priestlands	14:39
8	30	Dale Fleming	Fleet & C'ham	14:40
8	31	Oliver Hawkins	New Forest	14:44
1	32	Benjamin Timmons	Isle of Wight	14:46
1	33	Dylan Holdsworth	Isle of Wight	14:48
2	34	Thomas Timmons	Isle of Wight	14:58
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3	38	Johnathan O'Connor	Fleet & C'ham	15:24
7	39	Ben Powell	Southampton	15:28
4	40	Oliver Kirkpatrick	Fleet & C'ham	15:36
9	41	Cormac Oliver	Southampton	15:58
8	42	Alfie Dowson McGill	Priestlands	16:08
4	43	Thomas Kemp	Fleet & C'ham	16:08
6	44	George Jones	New Forest	16:17
	45	Harrison Kreiner	Basingstoke	16:31
	46	Ben Jewitt	Fleet & C'ham	16:33
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	3	Robert Jones	New Forest	7:30
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2	5	Oliver Rothwell	Jersey Spartan	7:37
4	6	Ollie Cook	Southampton	7:38
6	7	Callum Olden	New Forest	7:40
	8	Benjamin Nealon	New Forest	7:43
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Alexander Campbell Matthew Dyer

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TEAM EFFORT: The combined team from New Forest Runners and Priestlands School. Pics by Chris Moorhouse

Julie King Emma Beardsell Jo Gilholm Michelle King Penny Forse Thomas Forste New Forest Louise Small Lucy Elliott Louise Perrio Kathryn Bailey Natalie Whitty Ellie Monks Laura Brenton Kate Towertor Valeria Sesto Joanne Gorrod Helen Wallingt Hannah Howa Krissy Lloyd Laura Brackley Claire Wood Aldershot F&D Felix Barrow Winch & Dist Cameron Walker-Powell Portsmouth
Christian Cumming
Caleb Neocleous
Oliver Squires
Harrison Wrest Guernsey Island Winch & Dist Penny Forse
Caroline Creed
Laura Quayle
Virginia Collins
Jessica Lee
Joanne Kitching
Emma Edwards
Hayley Payne
Lucy May
Kelly Thomas
Alex Davoile
Joy Radford
Louisa Vere
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Evelyn Farrell
Rosise Eldridge
Carrie Power
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Vivien Alexander
Tracy Duke
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3 Hannah Froud
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5 Evie Grice
6 Alana Spiers
7 Daisy D'Santos
8 Holly Collier
9 Jessica Troy
10 Anna Sharp
11 Yasmin Lookess
12 Rebekah Pantony
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1 Josie Czura

Maddie Deadman

1 Tilly Horton

4 Elizabeth Rose

5 Elizabeth Hedley

Holly Powell

7 Maisie Grice

Lizzie Squibbs

9 Poppy Clements

10 Rebecca Bullock

11 Lili McGarry. Portsmouth Basingstoke Aldershot F&D
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Anya Pigden
Natasha Miles
Catherine Darlison
Amy Dallamore Winch & Dist Winch & Dist Guernsey Island Laura Irvine Alia Byron Portsmouth Alia Byron
Emily Coulson
Jessica Sutton
Eleanor Purdue
Rebecca Poole
Eden Crumplin
Renee Hubert
Grace Reavey
Elsie Lewis
Olivia Snellgrov
Katie Standen
Seren Hawkes
Charlotte Boyle
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3 Cheyenne James
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Tallulah Jeffes
Poppy Wright
Eleanor Sproul
Olivia Reavey
Ursula Nealon
Saffron Moore
Isobel Mannion
Adele Maher
Mia Billins
Bryony Henshall
Megan French
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Erma Ferris
Jessica Blatchford
Molly Wateridge
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Eloise O'Neill	Portsmouth	8:2
Megan Hulbert	Southampton	8:2
Summer Woodhead G	Suernsey Island	8:2
Kate Bain G	Suernsey Island	8:3
Lilly Jones	New Forest	8:4
Sophie Newsom	Portsmouth	8:4
Alexandra Palotai	New Forest	8:4
Mabel Lewis	Isle of Wight	8:4
Abigail Warrington	Southampton	8:49
Natalya Smith	New Forest	8:5
Molly Chalk	Southampton	8:5
Rachel Gillett	Aldershot F&D	9:0
Lucia Kendall	Winch & Dist	9:0
Kiera Bessant	Southampton	9:0
Ruby Horton	Aldershot F&D	9:0
Maya Gandee Morgan	Winch & Dist	9:10
Annie Mann	Southampton	9:1:
Naomi Holdsworth	Isle of Wight	9:1
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Gracie Jenvey	Southampton	9:19
Eden Canning	Isle of Wight	9:2
Bethan Howard	Fleet & C'ham	9:2
Jessica Wateridge	Overton	9:3
Maya Kendell	Portsmouth	9:3
Abigail Reid	Winch & Dist	9:3
Gracie Hawkins	New Forest	9:3
Amelia Gray	Overton	9:4
Emma Boswell	Aldershot F&D	9:4
Gabriella Jones	Portsmouth	9:4
Phoebe Butts	Southampton	9:4
Libbie French	Basingstoke	9:4
Sophie Bond	Portsmouth	9:5
Molly Lowe	New Forest	9:5
Katy Haggerty	Isle of Wight	9:5
Daisy Tolhurst	Team Kennet	10:0
Katie Cornock	New Forest	10:0
Rose Cripps	Basingstoke	10:0
Stefanie Heine	Fleet & C'ham	10:0
Leonie Tewkesbury	Portsmouth	10:10
Mollie McGill	New Forest	10:1
Alys Shinn	New Forest	10:10
Dea Billins	Portsmouth	10:1
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Mia Barnett	Fleet & C'ham	10:2
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Maisie Furnell	New Forest	10:2
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Amy Bickley	Southampton	10:4
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George Lambert
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Frankie Witty
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Hampshire Cross-Country Championship picture special



GABRIELLE SPELMAN



ISABELLE BENNETT



SOUTHAMPTON ATHLETES: Finn Parker, Ellie Parker and Amy Bickley.



ON THEIR MARKS... The start of U15 Girls race (above and below).



ALL TOGETHER NOW: Some of the Winchester and District girls at the Hampshire Cross-country Championships held in Fleming Park, Eastleigh



WHATEVER THE WEATHER: Olivia Hildebrandt passes a spectator during the U15 Girls race.



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STARTING LINE: For the U13 Girls race.





ELIZABETH ADAMSON



MAYA GILL



THOMAS KEMP



CORMAC OLIVER



EMILY CORNWALL





BEN POWELL



GEORGE JONES

THE DAILY ECHO SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2015

Horse Racing

SUPER PROSPECT AT CHELMSFORD

CHELMSFORD City opens its doors for the first time on Sunday and Super Kid can take star billing by landing the Betsi Golden Mile Conditions Stakes, the feature race on the inaugural card.

The former Great Leighs racecourse hosts this fast-track qualifier for All Weather Championships Finals day in April and Super Kid can take full advantage to get a guaranteed pass to the Good Friday meeting.

Saeed bin Suroor's charge had a couple of starts last summer, finishing third on his debut at Nottingham in June before going a couple of places better to win at Epsom the following month.

He beat stablemate and subsequent Group Three winner Maftool on the latter occasion but was then off the track until November, when he tried his luck in another fast-track qualifier.

Super Kid was beaten by another, more experienced, Godolphin runner that day but he lost little in being beaten a length after perhaps just feeling the effects of a lengthy lay-off when floundering in the final few yards.

from those exertions but given he has the joint highest rating in the field, Super Kid has plenty in his favour and only Anonymous John to fear on the official fig-

Gaelic Silver can secure his place in the record books as the first winner at the renamed track by lifting the opening Betfred Handicap

The nine-year-old will be seeking a fourth win on the bounce after winning at Windsor, Kempton and Lingfield in October, November and December respectively.

He defied a 6lb rise to win most latterly and will have a further 4lb on his back this time, although 7lb claimer Hector Crouch has struck up such a good relationship with the horse that there might be a bit more to come.

John Gosden was a vocal fan of the track in its early days and he sends Zamoura for the SIS Maiden Fillies' Stakes. She looked a likely winner at one point on her debut at Lingfield last month only to

get run out of it in the final stride but her short-head second offers much promise.

Cape Tribulation was verging on top drawer in his younger days but while the effects of old age are having an impact, a race like the Royal Caledonian Hunt Veterans' Handicap Chase at Kelso is well within his compass.

Malcolm Jefferson's charge won the Argento Chase back in 2013 and was fifth in the Cheltenham Gold Cup the same year, but has been on something of a downward slide since.

He struggled to make his mark on his first couple of starts this term but sparked back to life with a two-and-a-half-length second in the Rowland Meyrick at Wetherby on Boxing Day.

Rated 165 in his pomp, Cape Tribulation is now on a perch of 146 and this kind of race looks an ideal prep for a possible Crabbie's Grand National bid.

SELECTIONS

CHELMSFORD: 12.50 Gaelic Silver, 1.20 Zamoura, 1.50 Blue Aegean, 2.20 Royal Bajan, 2.50 SUPER KID (NAP), 3.20 Rizal Park, 3.50 Saskia's Dream.

FAIRYHOUSE: 1.00 Battle Hymn, 1.30 Baily Cloud. 2.00 Court Jester, 2.30 Competitive Edge, 3.00 Legal Exit, 3.30 Dromnea, 4.00 Cogryhill. KELSO: 12.40 U Name It, 1.10 Spirit Oscar, 1.40 Gingili

2.10 Cape Tribulation, 2.40 Ultiep, 3.10 Scratfon, 3.40 Darsi DOUBLE: Super Kid and Cape Tribulation.



FAVOURITE: Martin Harley saddles Super Kid in the 2.50 at Chelmsford City.

CHELMSFORD CITY

Going: Standard

12.50 BETFRED HANDICAP (CLASS 2). £20,000 added 4YO PLUS 1m 2f Penalty Value £12,938.

101	04063-	REBELLIOUS GUEST (12) (D)(BF) G Margarson 6 9 12T Queally 6
102	10024-	SPES NOSTRA (16) T D Barron 7 9 9
103	02201-	DOCS LEGACY (IRE) (66) (D) R Fahey 6 9 9 J Garritty (5) 7
104	0216-6	SWING ALONE (IRE) (10) (D) Miss G Kelleway 6 9 8 J F Egan 5
105	314-	TRYSTER (IRE) (169) (D) C Appleby 4 9 4
106	04111-	GAELIC SILVER (FR) (37) (D) G L Moore 9 9 4 H Crouch (7) 1
107	3006-5	TATTING (7) C Dwyer 6 8 10

BETTING: 11-4 Tryster, 3-1 Docs Legacy, 4-1 Rebellious Guest, 9-2 Gaelic Silver, 7-1 Spes Nostra, 12-1 Swing Alone, 20-1 Tatting.

SIS MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (CLASS 5). £5,000 added 3YO PLUS 1m 2f Penalty Value

201	0-	DEVILS IN MY HEAD (46) K Burke 5 10 0 R While (5) 1	
202	2	BROUGHTONS BERRY (IRE) (9) W Musson 4 9 12 J Quinn 6	
203		DUCHESS OF MARMITE (IRE) C Hills 3 8 5	
204	222-	PIN UP (IRE) (23) (BF) R Fahey 3 8 5	
205	00000-	PISCES (41) D Elsworth 3 8 5 J F Egan 3	
206	0-	VERERI SENES (26) E Dunlop 3 8 5 D Probert 7	
207	2-	ZAMOURA (37) J Gosden 3 8 5 N Mackay 5	
BET	BETTING: 6-4 Zamoura, 2-1 Pin Up, 9-2 Duchess Of Marmite, 10-1 Vereri Senes,		

Broughtons Berry, 33-1 Pisces, 50-1 Devils In My Head.

WEATHERBYS PRINTING HANDICAP (CLASS 4). £8,500 added 3YO only 5f Penalty Value £5,499.

301	31066-	BLUE AEGEAN (134) (D) C Appleby 9 7	18
302	00554-	VIMY RIDGE (37) (D) A Bailey 9 7	4
303	21651-	LACKADAY (12) W Jarvis 9 5	8
304	1-	LUIS VAZ DE TORRES (IRE) (23) R Fahey 9 2 D Nolan	13
305	54066-	COMMANDER PATTEN (IRE) (12) A Bailey 9 1 M Harley	16
306	01134-	ANASTAZIA (12) P D'Arcy 9 1 L Morris	7
307	64214-	EXCEEDINGLY (31) (D) R Cowell 9 0	1
308	03413-	JIMMY'S HALL (12) J S Moore 8 11 S Donohoe	: 5
309	16236-	MILLAR ROSE (IRE) (79) (D) K Burke 8 4 J Haynes (3)	2
		Blue Aegean, 9-2 Luis Vaz De Torres, 6-1 Lackaday, 7-1 Jimm	

GREENE KING HANDICAP (CLASS 3). £12,500 added 4YO PLUS 5f Penalty Value £7,876.

0103-3 0V500-	SLEEPY SIOUX (10) (D) D Elsworth 4 9 7
05314-	ZAC BROWN (IRE) (37) (D)(BF) T D Barron 4 9 3 G Gibbons 9
00323-	BADDILINI (16) (D) A Bailey 5 9 3
0001-4	ROYAL BAJAN (USA) (10) (D1) J Given 7 9 0P McDonald 10
01061-	SERENITY SPA (51) A Carroll 5 8 13 W Twiston-Davies 2
65042-	DOCTOR PARKES (26) (D8) S C Williams 9 8 12 D Probert 5
15600-	HANNAHS TURN (120) (D) C Dwyer 5 8 11 Hayley Turner 3
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IT MUST BE FAITH (50) (D)(BF) M Appleby 5 8 11 L Morris 1 DUTIFUL SON (IRE) (8) D C Griffiths 5 8 11 M Dwyer 7 BETTING: 3-1 Zac Brown, 9-2 Doctor Parkes, 5-1 lt Must Be Faith, 6-1 Serenity Spa, 7-1 Baddilini, 8-1 Sleepy Sioux, 14-1 Royal Bajan, 16-1 Hannahs Turn, Swiss Cross, 25-1 Dutiful Son.

BETSI GOLDEN MILE CONDITIONS STAKES 2.50 (ALL WEATHER CHAMPIONSHIP FAST-TRACK QUALIFIER) (CLASS 2). £20,000 added 3YO only 1m Penalty Value £12,938.

501	21112-	ANONYMOUS JOHN (IRE) (14) P Evans 9 3
502	01421-	PRINCE OF PARIS (22) (D) R Ingram 9 3
503	312-	SUPER KID (50) S Bin Suroor 9 3
504	0561-	TEMPUS TEMPORIS (USA) (26) (D) J Gosden 9 3 R Havlin 5
505	1-	MY MISTRESS (IRE) (20) P McEntee 8 12

BETTING: 2-1 Super Kid, 9-4 Anonymous John, 7-2 Tempus Temporis, 5-1 My Mistress, 12-1 Prince Of Paris.

TOTEPOOL HANDICAP (CLASS 4), £8,500 added 4YO PLUS 1m Penalty Value £5,499

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601	0301-1	LUNAR DEITY (8) (D) S C Williams 6 9 7 P Cosgrave
602	0351-3	PATRIOTIC (IRE) (7) (D) C Dwyer 7 9 6 C Beasley
603	00060-	LOYALTY (20) (D) D Shaw 8 8 13
604	0000-2	NORSE BLUES (3) (D) T D Barron 7 8 13
605	54311-	RIZAL PARK (IRE) (25) (D) A Balding 4 8 12D Probert
606	20221-	RIGHTWAY (IRE) (40) A Carroll 4 8 12L Morris

Sunday's runners

608 2201-6 609 02160-UNTIL MIDNIGHT (IRE) (20) (D) E Stanford 5 8 7 M Dwyer 2

BETTING: 3-1 Lunar Deity, 9-2 Rightway, 5-1 Rizal Park, 6-1 Norse Blues, 7-1 Until Midnight, 10-1 Almanack, 12-1 Patriotic, Rouge Nuage, 16-1 others.

FULTONS RESTAURANT HANDICAP (CLASS 6). £4,000 added 4YO PLUS 6f Penalty Value

01	0005-0	SAFFIRE SONG (6) A Bailey 4 9 7
02	04461-	FOIE GRAS (29) (D) C Dwyer 5 9 7
03	/6503-	ALL OR NOTHIN (IRE) (148) (D) P Butler 6 9 6 M Lane 11
04	4004-0	TELEGRAPH (IRE) (4) (D) P Evans 4 9 6
05	/6250-	EXCELLENT AIM (11) (D) G Margarson 8 9 5 T Queally 4
06	00636-	INVIGILATOR (47) (D) D Shaw 7 9 5
07	30044-	SASKIA'S DREAM (25) (D) J Chapple-Hyam 7 9 4 P Cosgrave 2
08	54/0-3	TOM HALL (8) D Menuisier 5 9 4
09	21424-	DANZOE (IRE) (33) (D) Mrs C Dunnett 8 9 4 E J Walsh (5) 9
10	302-	SILENT PURSUIT (30) P Hide 4 9 4 L Keniry 8
11	34056-	KODAFINE (IRE) (29) (D) P Evans 4 9 3 J F Egan 7
12	20042-	ECLIPTIC SUNRISE (23) D Donovan 4 9 2T Clark (5) 12
13	23301-	COPPER CAVALIER (15) (D) R Cowell 4 9 1 A Kirby 1
14	045-04	JONNIE SKULL (IRE) (9) (D) P McEntee 9 9 1 D Brock (3) 14

BETTING: 9-2 Copper Cavalier, 5-1 Ecliptic Sunrise, 7-1 Silent Pursuit, Foie Gras 8-1 Danzoe, Saskia's Dream, 10-1 Saffire Song, 14-1 Kodafine, Excellent Aim, Tom Hall, 20-1 others.

Going: Soft

12.40 EBF STALLIONS 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE (QUALIFIER) (CLASS 4). £5,000 added 4 to 7YO 2m 6f 110yds Penalty Value

		20,2 :0:
1	FF1-21	BALLYBOKER BREEZE (IRE) (32) D McCain 7 11 8 J Maguire
2	3P31	U NAME IT (IRE) (42) R M Smith 7 11 8
3	0-243	DIAMOND FIZZ (IRE) (35) A Whillans 6 11 2
4	10-224	DONNA'S DIAMOND (IRE) (43) C Grant 6 11 2 Diarmuid O'Regan (7)
5	00-0	HARLEYS MAX (92) S Corbett 6 11 2 J Corbett (7)
6	P1-4U5	THE COBBLER SWAYNE (IRE) (44) Miss L Russell 6 11 2P Buchanar
7	2-3205	COOLANURE (IRE) (64) R Johnson 6 10 9 H Challoner (3)
8	15-PP4	MOYACOMB (IRE) (8) R Johnson 7 10 9 Mr T Dowson (7)
9	2-3U21	QUEEN OF MILAN (IRE) (63) I Jardine 7 10 9 N Moscrop (5)

BETTING: 5-4 Ballyboker Breeze, 7-2 U Name It, 4-1 Donna's Diamond, 13-2 Diamond Fizz, 14-1 The Cobbler Swayne, 20-1 Queen Of Milan, 50-1 Moyacomb, Coolanure, Harleys Max.

EBF STALLIONS/TBA MARES' NOVICES' 1.10 HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS 3), £10,000 added 5YO PLUS 2m 7f 110yds Penalty Value £6,498.

	1013-0 P11114	TONVADOSA (36) (C)(D) D McCain 7 11 12
3	23-3P5	SPIRIT OSCAR (IRE) (22) (D) Miss L Russell 7 11 5 Derek Fox (3)
4	6-3241	SILVERTON (9) Mrs L Normile 8 10 10
5	2-3611	AMETHYST ROSE (IRE) (16) W Coltherd 8 10 6 J Reveley
BETTING: 2-1 Silverton, 3-1 Amethyst Rose, 7-2 Southway Star, 5-1 Spirit Oscar,		

6-1 Tonvadosa

NEWCASTLE ARMS COLDSTREAM NOVICES' 1.40 HURDLE (CLASS 4). £5,000 added 5YO PLUS

		Zili i loyus relially value 25,245.
1	223-15	THORPE (IRE) (10) (D) Miss L Russell 5 11 5 P Buchanan
2	3-1	VINNIE RED (IRE) (73) (D) E Williams 6 11 5 P Moloney
3	0P	AWEE DEOCH ANDORIS (35) W Coltherd 6 10 12 Mr T Hamilton (7)
4	5	BAYWING (IRE) (28) N Richards 6 10 12
5	0-53	CHAIN OF BEACONS (44) A M Thomson 6 10 12 Steven Fox (7)
6	0-04	DUTCH CANYON (IRE) (40) N Alexander 5 10 12 Lucy Alexander
7	0/630	GALLEONS WAY (9) I Jardine 6 10 12
8	5-411	GINGILI (65) (D) D McCain 5 10 12
9	60	PROUD GAMBLE (IRE) (26) Mrs R Dobbin 6 10 12 Craig Nichol (3)
10	0-000	SEVENTEEN BLACK (IRE) (35) W Coltherd 7 10 12 J Reveley
11	31-05	SHADES OF MIDNIGHT (35) (D) D Whillans 5 10 12 C Whillans (5)
12	05	RUSSIAN ROYALE (15) M Hammond 5 10 5 K Renwick

BETTING: 11-8 Thorpe, 3-1 Vinnie Red, 4-1 Gingili, 10-1 Shades Of Midnight, 16-1 Chain Of Beacons, Galleons Way, Russian Royale, 20-1 Baywing, 50-1 other

ROYAL CALEDONIAN HUNT VETERANS HANDICAP CHASE (QUALIFIER) (CLASS 2). £30,000 added 10YO PLUS 3m 2f Penalty Value £19,494.

DF61	POOLE MASTER (36) D Pipe 10 11 12Conor O'Farrell	
3-02	CAPE TRIBULATION (16) (D) J Jefferson 11 11 10 B Hughes	
-35P	MR MOONSHINE (IRE) (36) (D) Mrs S Smith 11 11 8 J Maguire	
)26U	LACKAMON (35) Mrs S Smith 10 10 10	
P-12	LIE FORRIT (IRE) (43) (C)(D) Miss L Russell 11 10 10 P Buchanan	

SUMMERY JUSTICE (IRE) (15) (D) Miss V Williams 11 10 9 A P Cawley MISTER MARKER (IRE) (30) (C) N Richards 11 10 3 B Harding HARRY THE VIKING (35) (D) A M Thomson 10 10 0 . . . Derek Fox (3) BETTING: 5-2 Poole Master, 7-2 Cape Tribulation, 4-1 Lie Forrit, 8-1 Mr Moonshine, Summery Justice, 10-1 Lackamon, Mister Marker, 16-1 Harry The Viking.

ALAN MATTHEWS BIRTHDAY BASH 2.40 HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS 5). £5,000 added 4YO PLUS 3m 3f Penalty Value £3,249.

	-03512	SNAPPING TURTLE (IRE) (14) D Whillans 10 12 2 C Whillans (5)
2	0325-4	CAERLAVEROCK (IRE) (242) Mrs R Dobbin 10 11 12Mr T Dowson (7)
	-01P05	OMID (16) Mrs E Slack 7 11 10
4	0-F005	KILQUIGGAN (IRE) (34) A M Thomson 7 11 7 Steven Fox (7)
	16F4PU	OXALIDO (FR) (10) W Coltherd 13 11 4
6	044-30	INNOCENT GIRL (IRE) (31) Miss L Russell 6 10 12 Craig Nichol (3)
7	15P226	BALLYREESODE (IRE) (14) S Corbett 10 10 11 J Corbett (7)
8	340661	MACGILLYCUDDY (14) Mrs H Graham 6 10 9 C Bewley (5)
9	3-5216	SNUKER (35) (BF) J Ewart 8 10 7 Lucy Alexander
0	/006-4	ULTIEP (FR) (22) K McLintock 7 10 3

BETTING: 7-2 Macgillycuddy, 4-1 Snapping Turtle, 11-2 Snuker, 13-2 Caerlaverock, 8-1 Omid, 10-1 Ballyreesode, Oxalido, 12-1 Kilquiqqan, Ultiep, 16-1

PETER & GILLIAN ALLAN RACECOURSE CATERERS JUVENILE HURDLE (CLASS 4). £5,000 added 4YO only 2m 2f Penalty Value

DEEP RESOLVE (IRE) (32) G Swinbank 11 12 P Moloney

Sunday's runners

	LARMOR (FR) (F76) M Hammond 10 12
2	MEDICINE HAT (39) G M Moore 10 12 J Colliver (5)
U2	SCRAFTON (15) J J Quinn 10 12
4	SON OF FEYAN (IRE) (47) Mrs L Normile 10 12 G Cockburn (5)
	STANLEY (GER) (F112) D McCain 10 12 J Maguire
P	MAGIC SHOES (IRE) (53) S Corbett 10 5 J Corbett (7)
	MYSTIC PRINCESS (IRE) (F193) M McNiff (IRE) 10 5 .Derek Fox (3)

BETTING: 15-8 Scrafton, 5-2 Stanley, 7-2 Medicine Hat, 5-1 Deep Resolve, 16-1 Mystic Princess, 20-1 Larmor, 33-1 Son Of Feyan, 66-1 Magic Shoes.

EILDON HILL STABLES OPEN HUNTERS CHASE (CLASS 6). £3,000 added 5YO PLUS 2m 7f 110yds Penalty Value £1,872.

1	15-FR2	NOWURHURLIN (IRE) (42) Mrs S Stilgoe 8 12 6 Mr N Orpwood (7)
2	3214-P	WICKLOW LAD (217) (D) N Alexander 11 12 6 .Miss G Cochrane (7)
3	P2-412	BEGGAR'S VELVET (IRE) (28) (C)(D) D Holmes 9 12 2Mr K Alexander
		(3)
4	222/4-	CAPPA BLEU (IRE) (426) (D) E Williams 13 11 12 Mr C Orr (7)
5	2P11-1	DARSI DANCER (IRE) (28) (D) W Coltherd 7 11 12 .Mr S W Coltherd
		(7)
6	21-24P	DOUGLAS JULIAN (28) (CD) Mrs Murray Scott 13 11 12Mr T Dowson
		(7)
7	0PP1P-	FLYING NATIVE (IRE) (265) L Kerr 6 11 12 Mr F Campbell (7)
8	6/35-4	NOBUNAGA (28) A B Hamilton 10 11 12Mr T Hamilton (5)
9	41-132	TWEEDYS CHOICE (IRE) (230) (D) T O M Greenwood 10 11 12 Mr T
		Greenwood (7)

BETTING: 4-7 Cappa Bleu, 8-1 Beggar's Velvet, 10-1 Wicklow Lad, 12-1 Nowurhurlin, Darsi Dancer, Nobunaga, 25-1 Douglas Julian, Flying Native, Tweedys Choice.

Horse Racing



FAIRYHOUSE

Going: Soft to Heavy

FUNDRAISERS AT FAIRYHOUSE MAIDEN HURDLE. £7,752 added 4YO only 2m Penalty Value EUR6900.

1	3	BATTLE HYMN (15) C Byrnes 11 7 D N Russell
2	00	BE SEEING YOU (15) G Elliott 11 7
3	00	DERBYSHIRE (IRE) (16) G Elliott 11 7
4	5	FOCUSSED (IRE) (11) B Duke 11 7 D E Mullins
5	0	GREENEYED MONSTER (IRE) (11) F Flood 11 7 A J McNamara
6	2	HOSTILE FIRE (IRE) (15) G Elliott 11 7B J Geraghty
7		MADFUNINTHEWEST (IRE) Robert Tyner 11 7P T Enright
8	43	OFFICIEUX (FR) (22) N Meade 11 7
9	00	THE SCOURGE (IRE) (15) G Elliott 11 7 Ms L O'Neill (7)
0	54	URADEL (GER) (22) (BF) W P Mullins 11 7 R Walsh
1	0	LITTLE SPARROW (IRE) (11) J Nash 11 0 T E Doran (7)
2	0	TEOLEENA (IRE) (22) N Dooly 11 0B T O'Connell
3		THE LIVING BEAUTY (IRE) C Roche 11 0
FT	TING: 11.4	Uradel 3-1 Hostile Fire 7-2 Rattle Hymn 7-1 Officieux 10-1 Th

Eling: 11-4 Uradei, 3-1 Hostile Fire, 7-2 Battle Hymn, 7-1 Officieux, 1 Living Beauty, 12-1 Focussed, 14-1 Derbyshire, 16-1 Teoleena, 20-1 others

EASTER FESTIVAL 5TH-7TH APRIL MAIDEN HURDLE. £7,752 added 5YO PLUS 2m Penalty

1	P/44-0	ALL FLASH NO CASH (IRE) (35) P Gilligan 7 11 12B Cash
2		CHELATE (IRE) P J Rothwell 6 11 12 D E Mullins
3	00	CLONTARF (IRE) (10) D A McLoughlin 6 11 12 C D Maxwell (3)
4 (60-006	DEADLY CATCH (IRE) (16) P J Rothwell 6 11 12 A W Short (7)
5 !	5616-5	EBAZZIYR (IRE) (15) (D) J Leavy 7 11 12 R P McNamara
6	3-02	ENUMERATER (IRE) (15) E P Harty 6 11 12R Walsh
7 4	4/4RF0	LAUREL PARK (IRE) (6) Shane Nolan 9 11 12 S Shortall (5)
8	P2-0	LUCKYINMILAN (IRE) (53) O McKiernan 6 11 12 R C Colgan
9	P/0-0	MICK THE BOYO (IRE) (15) J Grace 7 11 12 K M Donoghue
10	4-466	OSCAR KNIGHT (IRE) (35) Thomas Mullins 6 11 12 A P McCoy
11	PU-P0	PRIVATE VIC (IRE) (16) C A McBratney 6 11 12 B R Dalton (3)
12 -	-10604	RATHPATRICK (IRE) (15) E Griffin 7 11 12M P Walsh
13	00	SANDUSKY (10) G Elliott 7 11 12

14	2-200	SIR SCORPION (IRE) (35) Thomas Mullins 6 11 12 N P Madden
15	30-	SUNRAE SHADOW (265) N Meade 6 11 12 P Carberry
16	0	WHISTLEBEAR DUKE (IRE) (22) C Moore 7 11 12 .P D Kennedy (5)
17	0-202	BAILY CLOUD (IRE) (16) M F Morris 5 11 10
18	24	CAHIRCONREE (IRE) (36) S Neville 5 11 10 M P Fogarty
19	0	ENAB (IRE) (16) P Gilligan 5 11 10
20	0	MALLORY HEIGHTS (IRE) (10) G Donnelly 5 11 10 A E Lynch
21	0	NOBODY HOME (IRE) (22) E Cawley 5 11 10 P T Enright
22		NUFF SED (IRE) N Dooly 5 11 10
23	00	THEO (IRE) (10) Mrs D Foster 5 11 10
24	00500/	BLUE SHIRT LILY (1092) P J Rothwell 10 11 5
25	PF3-10	SIMPLE MILAN (IRE) (10) Robert Tyner 6 11 5 P E Corbett (5)
26	00F	ALI'S GIFT (IRE) (76) Paul Nolan 5 11 10
27		MENTOR (IRE) A P O'Brien 5 11 10
28	00	KANSAS CITY CHIEF (IRE) (8) Miss Mary Louise Hallahan 6 11 12
		RESERV

BETTING: 9-4 Baily Cloud, 5-1 Enumerater, 11-2 Rathpatrick, 7-1 Sunrae Shadow. Oscar Knight, 8-1 Ebazziyr, 16-1 Clontarf, Blue Shirt Lily, 20-1 others.

WARD UNION HUNT RACEDAY HANDICAP 2.00 HURDLE (80-109). £7,752 added 4YO PLUS 2m Penalty Value EUR6900.

1	125635	ENJOY RESPONSIBLY (IRE) (16) H de Bromhead 6 11 12B J Cooper
2	0605-6	KEEP SWINGING (IRE) (10) M Hourigan 6 11 11
3	350-34	MIGHT BE MAGIC (54) (CD) Thomas Foley 10 11 8 .Mr P T Foley (7)
4	100121	SHABRA'S BERTOLINI (IRE) (28) (D) Anthony McCann 6 11 8
		Jonathan Moore (7
5	P05-04	BALE O'SHEA (IRE) (16) (D) Neil McKnight 11 11 7 R C Colgan
6	052-46	DAVE'S STAMPER (IRE) (13) Shane Nolan 8 11 7 S Shortall (5)
7	6-5440	SPRING AWAKENING (IRE) (170) Paul Nolan 6 11 7M P Fogarty
8	0-050	BEST OF THREE (28) T M Walsh 5 11 6 M P Walsh
9	012623	PLEASED AS PUNCH (IRE) (16) (D)(BF) Augustine Leahy 7 11 6 .A P
		McCoy
10	321-03	COURT JESTER (IRE) (16) (D) S Wilson 9 11 4N P Madden
11	/P-35P	MR LANDO (16) (D) G Elliott 6 11 2
12	1-0004	FARRIERS GOLD (IRE) (22) Robert Tyner 8 11 0 P T Enright
13	06-005	BLAZING WEST (IRE) (15) W J Austin 7 10 13 P E Corbett (5)
14	2200	CREDULOUS (IRE) (15) G Elliott 4 10 13 K Sexton (3)
15	000001	BLACKANDAMBER VIC (IRE) (22) (CD) Norman Lee 8 10 12 A E
		Lynch

...J J Burke (3) BETTING: 11-2 Shabra's Bertolini, 6-1 Blackandamber Vic, 7-1 Enjoy Responsibly

sed As Punch, 8-1 Best Of Three, Court Jester, 10-1 Credulous, 12-1 Dave's

UNDERWRITING EXCHANGE DAN MOORE MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (GRADE A). £77,519 added 4YO PLUS 2m 1f Penalty Value

1 2	3013-0 410-23	SAVELLO (IRE) (15) (C)(D) A J Martin 9 11 10 S Shortall (5) DAYS HOTEL (IRE) (35) H de Bromhead 10 11 6 A E Lynch
3	-12426	MALLOWNEY (IRE) (15) T Doyle 9 11 4 D N Russell
4	B43240	ALDERWOOD (IRE) (13) (C)(D) Thomas Mullins 11 11 3 M P Walsh
5	2112-4	BRIGHT NEW DAWN (IRE) (15) (C)(D) Ms S Hughes 8 11 1 B J
		Coope
6	22F-20	COMPETITIVE EDGE (IRE) (15) (D) C O'Dwyer 8 10 13A P McCoy
7	0-P50F	ARNAUD (IRE) (6) (D) C Byrnes 7 10 11 D J Mullins (7)
8	/100-2	SRAID PADRAIG (IRE) (43) (CD) A J Martin 9 10 10 A P Heskin
9	24-FP6	ABBEY LANE (IRE) (15) W P Mullins 10 10 3 R Walsh
10	00222F	KILCARRY BRIDGE (IRE) (21) J Ryan 8 10 3R Treacy (7)
RET	TING: 0./	Bright New Dawn, 5-1 Staid Padraig, 7-1 Dave Hotel, 8-1 Aldenwood

Abbey Lane, Mallowney, 12-1 Competitive Edge, Arnaud, 14-1 others.

IRISH STALLION FARMS E.B.F. BEGINNERS 3.00 CHASE. £11,628 added 5YO PLUS 2m 1f Panalty Value ELIP10300

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1	66-206	ART OF PAYROLL (GER) (14) Ms S Hughes 6 11 12 B J Cooper
2	13-000	CAPITAL PURSUIT (IRE) (22) Robert Tyner 6 11 12 P T Enright
3	5-1100	HURRICANE IVAN (IRE) (28) S Wilson 7 11 12 B R Dalton (3)
4	62610-	KICK ON BOSS (IRE) (308) H de Bromhead 9 11 12 A E Lynch
5	101/63	LEGAL EXIT (IRE) (22) J H Culloty 8 11 12R P McNamara
6	13F500	SHIELD (IRE) (28) (D) A P O'Brien 6 11 12
7	/30-05	TOUBALOO (IRE) (22) Andrew Lee 7 11 12R C Colgar
8	430-03	WOOLY TOM (IRE) (10) (C) P Mooney 11 11 12 M F Mooney
9	00-045	FLORISHWELLS D'ETE (FR) (36) W P Mullins 5 10 9 A P McCoy

BETTING: 11-4 Florishwells D'ete, 3-1 Kick On Boss, 7-2 Art Of Pavroll, 4-1 Legal Exit, 8-1 Wooly Tom, 10-1 Toubaloo, 12-1 Shield, 25-1 Capital Pursuit, 33-

Sunday's runners

IRISH STALLION FARMS E.B.F. RATED NOVICE CHASE, £15,504 added 5YO PLUS 2m 4f Penalty Value EUR13000.

1	P-1500	ALLIED VICTORY (IRE) (15) (D) M F Morris 6 11 7B J Cooper
2	0-3331	DROMNEA (IRE) (14) M F Morris 8 11 7 D J Casey
3	/20-0U	BENASH (IRE) (13) (C) John G Carr 11 11 3 A J McNamara
4	210-23	CHAMPAGNE JAMES (IRE) (28) T M Walsh 7 11 3 A P Heskin
5	0-2266	GALLANT TIPP (IRE) (50) E J O'Grady 7 11 3 M P Walsh
6	1-P4B5	MOONLIGHT BOY (IRE) (36) (D) C Roche 8 11 3 A P McCoy
7	54-424	ONE COOL SHABRA (IRE) (22) Anthony McCann 7 11 3 Jonathan
		Moore (7)

BETTING: 7-4 Champagne James, 7-2 Dromnea, 5-1 Allied Victory, 6-1 One Cool Shabra, 7-1 Moonlight Boy, 8-1 Gallant Tipp, 20-1 Benash.

OLIVER RUSSELL LIFETIME SERVICES TO 4.00 THE WARD UNION HUNT (PRO/AM) FLAT RACE. £6.202 added 5 to 7YO 2m Penalty

1	0	SEVENKINGS (IRE) (13) John Neilan 7 12 0
2	3-	WES HARDIN (IRE) (381) (BF) N Meade 6 12 0 A J Fox (7)
3	1-	AU QUART DE TOUR (FR) (259) W P Mullins 5 11 12 Mr P W Mullins
4	1	COGRYHILL (IRE) (56) G Elliott 5 11 12 D J Mullins (7)
5		DECLAN THE BRICKIE (IRE) Mrs P Dobbs 5 11 12 Mr R Deegan (7)
6		TUZO (IRE) Paul Nolan 5 11 12
7		CILLE CORMAC (IRE) N Dooly 6 11 7 Miss J M Mangan (3)
8	0/0-0	STRANDFIELD QUEEN (IRE) (16) Thomas Foley 6 11 7 Mr P T Foley
		(7
9		FLAVIANA (IRE) Mrs J Harrington 5 11 5 Miss K Harrington (5)

WOLVERHAMPTON

Going: Standard

LADBROKES CLASSIFIED CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS 5). £4,000 added 4YO PLUS 7f Penalty Value £2,588.

J Butterfield (3) 1	1135- NAOISE (IRE) (16) (C)(D) O Pears 7 9 1	01135-	1
R Powell (3) 5	0354- APPLEJACK LAD (40) J Ryan 4 8 11	30354-	2
T Hamilton 6	0B35- ORTAC ROCK (IRE) (17) (D) R Fahey 6 8 11	30B35-	3
T Atkinson (5) 4	50U0- POWERFUL PIERRE (47) (CD) N Quinlan 8 8 11	550U0-	4
T Marquand (7) 3	605-2 BUSH BEAUTY (IRE) (7) (C) P McBride 4 8 9	4605-2	5
.Shelley Birkett (5) 7	100/0- MISTER GREEN (FR) (12) D Flood 9 8 8	100/0-	6
C Cottin 0	1/00 1 VAID HILL (IDE) (10) (C)(D) C Dessen 7 0 0	0/00 1	7

BETTING: 13-8 Yair Hill, 4-1 Naoise, 5-1 Ortac Rock, 6-1 Bush Beauty, 7-1 Powerful Pierre, 14-1 Applejack Lad, 16-1 Mister Green.

LADBROKES HANDICAP (CLASS 3). £11,500 added 4YO PLUS 1m 1f Penalty Value £7,246.

PEARL NATION (USA) (8) (BF) M Appleby 6 9 7L Morris 1	1601-2	1
ENERGIA FLAVIO (BRZ) (17) M Botti 5 9 3 R Tate (3) 5	44403-	2
HAAF A SIXPENCE (15) (C) R Beckett 6 9 2 A Kirby 4	3/006-	3
SANTEFISIO (15) K Dalgleish 9 9 2 J Fanning 2	05000-	4
SILVERWARE (USA) (21) (CD) Kristin Stubbs 7 8 8 G Gibbons 3	00005-	5

BETTING: 11-10 Pearl Nation, 5-2 Energia Flavio, 13-2 Haaf A Sixpence, 7-

DAILY ENHANCED 'MAGIC MULTIPLES' AT

UNIBET HANDICAP (DIV 1) (CLASS 6). £4,000 added 3YO PLUS 5f Penalty Value £2,588.

1	06004-	SWENDAB (IRE) (16) (D) J G O'Snea / 9 / G McKee (/)
2	0006-1	HARWOODS STAR (IRE) (8) (D) S C Williams 5 9 7 M Harley (
3	40216-	WARM ORDER (24) (CD)(BF) A Carroll 4 9 5 L Morris
4	42025-	LAZY SIOUX (16) R C Guest 4 9 3
5	65220-	CHINA EXCELS (24) (D)(BF) Miss M Rowland 8 9 3 J Quinn 5
6	3435-0	RIGHTCAR (4) (CD) P Grayson 8 9 1
7	5505-2	STEEL CITY BOY (IRE) (8) (CD) Miss A Stokell 12 9 1 Ann Stokell (5
8	0/000-	LADYDOLLY (30) (D) R Brotherton 7 9 1 T Eaves 10
9	440-	COLOMBIA (IRE) (44) Mrs A Duffield 3 8 3 J P Sullivan 9
10	0060-	MAGIC ROUND (IRE) (55) W G M Turner 3 8 0 P Pilley (7)
	TINO 0	4 Harris de Otra O O Warre Order 44 O Otra O'tr Day 40 O Ob

BETTING: 6-4 Harwoods Star, 9-2 Warm Order, 11-2 Steel City Boy, 13-2 China Excels, 10-1 Lazy Sioux, 12-1 Swendab, 14-1 Colombia, Rightcar, 50-1 others.

DAILY ENHANCED 'MAGIC MULTIPLES' AT UNIBET HANDICAP (DIV 2) (CLASS 6). £4,000 added 3YO PLUS 5f Penalty Value £2,588.

1	2235-4	ABILITY N DELIVERY (3) (D) M J Browne (IRE) 10 9 7 A Kirby 3
2	00050-	TWO TURTLE DOVES (IRE) (16) (D7) M Mullineaux 9 9 6 .R Havlin 8
3	3353-2	QUALITY ART (USA) (3) (D) S Hodgson 7 9 5 S Drowne 6
4	4343-5	SAVED MY BACON (IRE) (8) C Dwyer 4 9 3
5	55242-	RAT CATCHER (IRE) (16) (D) Mrs L Williamson 5 9 3 .R Hornby (7) 5
6	25605-	SPIC 'N SPAN (38) (CD) R Harris 10 9 1 L Morris 2
7	03006-	HELLOLINI (76) R Bastiman 5 9 1
8	000-3	EQUITA (10) Robert Stephens 3 8 4 L Jones 7
9	02640-	PENALTY SCORER (77) R C Guest 3 8 2 P Pilley (7) 1
BE1	TTING: 10-	3 Quality Art, 7-2 Ability N Delivery, 4-1 Rat Catcher, 13-2 Equita, 7-

1 Saved My Bacon, 8-1 Two Turtle Doves, 12-1 Penalty Scorer, 20-1 Spic 'n Span,

32RED CASINO HANDICAP (CLASS 6). £4,000 4.25 added 3YO only 6f Penalty Value £2,588.

1	46004-	ALPHA SPIRIT (107) M Channon 9 7
2	0644-	BETA TAURI (USA) (35) (BF) C Appleby 9 7 A Rawlinson (5)
3	6353-	GALAGO (IRE) (16) S Kirk 9 7
4	004-	BRACKA LEGEND (IRE) (77) T D Barron 9 7G Gibbons
5	556-	KODIAC LADY (IRE) (30) J Tate 9 2 P Mulrennan
6	65410-	ARIZONA SNOW (124) R Harris 9 2 Renato Souza 1
7	600-	BIRKDALE BOY (IRE) (184) R Fahey 9 2 D Tudhope
8	60055-	INVINCIBLE ZEB (IRE) (42) R Harris 9 1
9	60200-	JUBILEE SPIRIT (24) G Oldroyd 9 0
10	05633-	DIMINUTIVE (IRE) (23) (D) Grace Harris 8 13 S Donohoe
11	00660-	COURSING (45) Sir M Prescott 8 11 L Morris
12	03542-	PENELOPE PITSTOP (41) K Dalgleish 8 10 G J Phillips (5) 1
13	0300-	PRINCE ROFAN (IRE) (139) D Shaw 8 2 P Mathers

BETTING: 7-2 Beta Tauri, 13-2 Birkdale Boy, 7-1 Galago, 15-2 Coursing, 8-1 Penelope Pitstop, Bracka Legend, 10-1 Kodiac Lady, Alpha Spirit, Jubilee Spirit, 12-

32RED HANDICAP (CLASS 5). £5,500 added 3YO only 1m 1f Penalty Value £3,558.

7) R Beckett 9 7	5322-	1
(BF) M Botti 9 7	5453-	2
(IRE) (42) Mrs N Evans 9 0 M Cosham (3) 3	40543-	3
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Cape Cay, 5-1 As A Dream, 13-2 Vejovis.	TING: 6-4	BET

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BETTING: 8-11 Au Quart De Tour, 7-2 Cogryhill, 7-1 Wes Hardin, 10-1 Flaviana, 14-Tuzo, 16-1 Cille Cormac, 20-1 Sevenkings, Declan The Brickie, 33-1 Strandfield

Monday's runners

CORAL CONNECT MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS

5). £5.250 added 3YO PLUS 1m 1f 103yds Penalty Value £3,396.

1	50-	CONGAREE WARRIOR (15) J Butler 5 9 13P Cosgrave 6
2	062-	DUTCH UNCLE (16) E Dunlop 3 8 5 J Fanning 4
3		HONOURABLE ACTION (IRE) C Appleby 3 8 5 M Lane 1
4	53-	ILLUSIVE FORCE (IRE) (26) (BF) C Hills 3 8 5 L Morris 3
5		MYTH CYCLE C Appleby 3 8 5
6	6-	QUILL ART (28) R Fahey 3 8 5
7	53-	SILENT THUNDER (IRE) (15) (BF) W Haggas 3 8 5 L Jones 5

BETTING: 10-3 Dutch Uncle, 7-2 Illusive Force, Silent Thunder, 4-1 Honourable Action, 7-1 Quill Art, Myth Cycle, 50-1 Congaree Warrior.

BET IN PLAY AT CORAL HANDICAP (CLASS 5), £5,250 added 4YO PLUS 1m 4f Penalty Value £3,396.

Hayley Turner 1	666- FLYING POWER (17) (CD) J Norton 7 9 10	01666-	1
10 A Kirby 6	21-4 ORATORIO'S JOY (IRE) (5) (CD) J Osborne 5 9 1	0521-4	2
P Cosgrave 5	34-3 THECORNISHCOWBOY (3) (D8) J Ryan 6 9 6	0534-3	3
J Butterfield (3) 2	324- LEAN ON PETE (IRE) (16) (C) O Pears 6 9 6	35324-	4
T Eaves 9	13- FINAL COUNTDOWN (17) J J Quinn 4 9 5	54113-	5
	23- ROYAL BATTALION (37) S C Williams 4 9 4	023-	6
D Nolan 8	301- ARCHIPELIGO (24) (C) I Jardine 4 9 3	46301-	7
L Morris 7	814- HESKA (IRE) (38) (CD) M Appleby 4 9 2	40314-	8
C Donoboo 4	40 DACING BEAD (UPA) (049) H Fuero E 0.0	22540	^

BETTING: 7-2 Royal Battalion, 4-1 Archipeligo, 6-1 Oratorio's Joy, 13-2 Final Countdown, 7-1 Heska, Thecornishcowboy, 8-1 Lean On Pete, 14-1 Raging Bear,

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Everton Naismith 78 HT 0-0				Man City 1 Fernandinho 74 Att 39,499
Konchesky 45 HT 1-0	5			A. Villa 0 Att 31,728
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Noble 74 og HT 0-1				West Ham
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HT 0-0	Evans 46 Att 4,947
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HT 0-0	Sears 54 Hewitt 84 Att 5,524
Sheff Utd2	Preston 1
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Walsall 1	Scunthorpe4
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HT 0-2	Att 3,738

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SkyBet	League Two
Burton Albion 2 Palmer 8 Maynard 24	Mansfield1 Lambe 51
HT 2-0	Att 3,506 Cambridge
HT 0-0 Dagenham 0 HT 0-0	Oxford Utd 0 Att 1,892
Exeter 0	Northmptn 2 Richards 20 O Toole 29
Fenwick 38	Att 3,519 Cheltnham0
Bingham 68 HT 1-0 Morecambe 0 HT 0-0	Att 3,155 Tranmere0
Newport County 1 Byrne 68	POMPEY 0
HT 0-0	Plymouth
Pett 32 Walton 69 pen	AFC Wimbledon 1 Francomb 35
HT 1-1 Wycombe 1 Onyedinma 47	York 0
HT 0-0	Att 3,669



STRUGGLE: Liverpool's Lazar Markovic (right) and Sunderland's John O'Shea (left) battle for the ball during the Barclays Premier League match at the Stadium of Light earlier today.

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Southend	25	5	6	2 11	5	6	2	4 13 15 41
Plymouth	25	_8_	2	2 21	_5	_3	4_	6 8 12 39
Stevenage	25	9	1	3 24	14	2	4	6 11 18 38
Bury	24	8	1	3 21	12	3	3	6 14 18 37
Exeter	26	5	5	4 18	17	5	2	5 15 18 37
Morecambe	25	5	4	4 12	11	5	1	6 13 12 35
AFC W'don	24	5	3	4 20	15	4	3	5 14 18 33
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Cambridge	24	5	1	5 18	11	4	4	5 17 18 32
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POMPEY	24	6	2	3 20	11	1	5	7 6 19 28
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York	25	1	7	4 9	12	4	5	4 17 17 27
Mansfield	24	5	3	3 12	10	2	3	8 7 20 27
Dagenham	25	4	1	8 13	18	3	4	5 13 18 26
Carlisle	25	5	2	6 19	22	2	1	9 10 24 24
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Scottish Premiership

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Stewart 8	
Irvine 34	
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HT 3-1	Att 5,105
Kilmarnock1 Inver	ness CT 2
Eremenko 47 pen	McKay 53,81
HT 0-0	Att 2,793
Ross CntyP Parti	ckP
Postponed - due to bad weather.	
St Mirren 0 Aber	deen 2
	McGinn 31
	Logan 33
HT 0-2	Att 4,977

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Scottish Championship

Alloa 0	Rangers	1
Dumbarton 1	Hearts	5
Hibernian3	Falkirk	3
Livingston 1	Cowdenbth	1
RaithP	Queen Sth	Р

Scottish League One

Airdrieonians 1	Peterhead	3
Brechin 2	Ayr Utd	1
Stenhsmuir2	Morton	3
Stirling A2	Dunfrmline	2
Stranraer4	Forfar	2

Scottish League Two

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Clyde0	Berwick	3
	Queen Park E Stirling	

Vanarama Conference

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Local non-league results

VANARAMA CONFERENCE
Premier: Eastleigh 4 Lincoln City 0
South: Bishops Stortford 2 Hayes & Yeading 2
Eastbourne Borough 3 Basingstoke Town 0
Ebbefleet Utd pp Staines Town
St Albans 0 Boreham Wood 2
Weston-super-Mare 3 Chelmsford City 1
FA TROPHY

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Torquay Utd 4 Bromley 0
Burgess Hill Town 1 Dartford 2
EVÖ-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Premier Division:
Arlessy Town 0 Bideford 1
Banbury Utd 1 Frome Town 1
Biggleswade pp Poole Town
Chesham Utd 3 Dorchester Town 2
Cirencester 2 Hitchin 3
Histon pp Slough
Hungerford 0 Chippenham 0
Paulton Rovers 0 St Neots 0
Redditch Utd 2 Dunstable 1
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Shortwood Utd 2 Swindon Supermarine 2 Taunton 1 Stratford 0
SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier Division:
Alresford 0 Brockenhurst 2
Christchurch pp Bemerton HH
Fawley 0 Winchester City 3
Folland Sports 1 Bournemouth Poppies 1
Hamworthy Utd 2 Whitchurch 0
Homdean pp Fareham Town
Lymington Town 1 Newport IoW 1
Moneyfields 1 Petersfield 1
Verwood 2 Blackfield & Langley 1
Division One:
Downton 0 Amesbury 6
Hythe & Dibden pp Romsey Town
New Mitton 3 Laverstock & Ford 0
Pewsey Vale 2 Andover NS 0

Pewsey Vale 2 Andover NS 0 Ringwood 0 Fleet Spurs 0 Team Solent 1 Cowes Sports 3 US Portsmouth pp Tadley Calleva HAMPSHIRE INTERMEDIATE CUP

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Fourth round:
AFC Petersfield pp Hamble Club
Baffins Milton Rovers 8 AFC Burton 1
Hedge End Rangers 7 Spartans 3
Netley CS 2 Clarifield 1
Northwood St Johns 1 Stockbridge 1 (Stockbridge won
5-4 on pens)
Otterbourne 8 Lyndhurst 1
West Wight 4 Afton Town 0
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PEHPL Combination Cup, quarter-final:
Hamble Club Res 2 Fleetland Res 1
Premier Division:
Bush Hill po AFC Stoneham

Premier Division:
Bush Hill pp AFC Stoneham
Colden Common 1 Liphook Utd 2
Fleetlands pp Winchester Castle
Liss pp Headley Utd
Overton Utd 8 Locks Heath 2
Paulsgrove 1 QK Southampton 2
Division One: All games postponed
Combination:

Division One: All games postponed Combination: Clanfield Res pp Overton Utd Headley Utd 2 Otterbourne 1 Liphook Utd 0 AFC Stoneham 3 QK Southampton pp Overton Winchester Castle pp Hedge End Rangers WYYERN COMBINATION LEAGUE Premier Division:

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Premier Division:
Bemerton Heath Harlequins 1 AFC Portchester 4
Division 1 West:
Bashley pp Laverstock & Ford
Blackfield & Langley 2 Fawley 0
Romsey Town 3 East Cowes Vics 1
Division 1 East:
Fareham Town 1 US Portsmouth 0
Tadley Calleva pp Horndean
Wyvern Challenge Cup, second round:
Wimborne Town pp Moneyfields
Wyvern Shield Group B, first round:
Petersfield Town pp Vernood Town
Wyvern Shield Group C, first round:
Newport 10W pp Sholing

DREW SMITH SOUTHAMPTON LEAGUE

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Southampton Senior League Cup:
Bishopstoke 1 Comrades 5
Junior League Cup: Warsash Wasps 5 Shamblehurst 3
Veterans League Cup: Warsash Wasps 5 Shamblehurst 3
Veterans League Cup - semi-final:
BTC Soton A 2 AFC Stoneham 1
Premier League: Real FC 0 Burridge AFC 1
Solent Saints 1 BTC Soton 1
Soton University 4 Hedge End Town 0
Senior 1: All games postponed.



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